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**CHINESE NEW YEAR.**

**Celebrated in Merry Fashion.**  
**CRACKERS GALORE.**

In spite of the trade depression Chinese New Year was celebrated in traditional fashion. Financial problems were placed in the background and all concentrated on enjoying the festival to the full.  
Fire crackers were as plentiful as ever, and they were fired since early afternoon on Monday. At midnight on Monday all Chinese shops, hongs and residences combined to fire hundreds of long strings of crackers to chase away the old year with all its "bad joss" and welcome in the new. It was one continuous rattle until dawn. During the day yesterday crackers were also heard going off practically without stop and last night was a repetition of Monday night, no one seeming to give a thought about sleep. To-day cracker firing is continuing, so that one feels like a war correspondent whilst tapping out these lines on the typewriter!

**At the Fair.**

The Chinese fair this year was not half as attractive as those of previous years. Stalls were few, perhaps due to the difficulty of getting stocks with the dollar so low. Gold fish and pot plants were as plentiful as ever, whilst the popular New Year blossoms occupied one whole side street in the centre of the fair, and what a beautiful sight that street presented!  
The pot plants included roses and other pretty cultured flowers in bloom. Little orange plants richly laden with little golden fruits, and dainty Chinese water plants.

The attractions may not have been many, but nevertheless there was no half-heartedness about the enjoyment of what was offered, thousands thronging the fair grounds day and night on Monday, making their final purchases. The stalls began to close down at about 11.30 p.m., and then the crowds went to Nam Pak Hong to watch the firing of the crackers which started promptly at midnight.

**Hotel Carnivals.**

Hundreds of Chinese of the younger generation ushered in the New Year by dancing on Monday night, special New Year's Eve Carnivals being held in the Hong Kong Hotel and the Repulse Bay Hotel, accommodation at both places being fully taxed. The festivities at both places, which were tastefully decorated in semi-Chinese fashion, lasted until 1 a.m., after which many parties were held in private residences until morning!  
Yesterday Repulse Bay Hotel was again thronged by Chinese and their European friends who had a very enjoyable time at the New Year's Day Special Tea Dance from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m., and at night they congregated in the Peninsula Hotel for the New Year's Night Carnival which lasted from 8.30 p.m., until midnight.  
On Monday night many parties were held by the "older folks" at Sheklongtsui and in the various Chinese Clubs, whilst last night these folk celebrated in their own homes in the accustomed Chinese fashion.

**DISHONEST EMPLOYEES.**

Chan Shiu, a Chinese employed by the Kung Yick firm of Contractors, was this morning charged at the Central Magistracy with the larceny of two spirit levels, valued at \$15, the property of his master.  
It was stated that while the foreman was absent, accused took the two levels and pawned them, saying afterward that two rats had stolen them. Later he admitted taking them and produced the pawn tickets.  
A fine of \$25 or three weeks' hard labour was imposed.  
A remand of two days was granted at the request of Inspector Shamoun, in connection with the case against Ho Fun-chiu, who was charged with stealing \$455 from his master, Mr. Yee-chung, at No. 110, Jervoy Street.  
The accused employee was a clerk and accountant.

**ENGLISH CUP DRAW.**

**Chelsea to Go to Birmingham.**  
**EVERTON'S GOOD LUCK.**

London, Yesterday.  
The following is the draw for the sixth round of the English Cup to be played on February 28, as cabled by Reuter:—

Sunderland v. Exeter  
West Brom. v. "Wolves"  
Everton v. Southport  
Birmingham v. Chelsea

**LEAGUE MATCHES.**

The following are the results of league matches played on Monday and yesterday:—

Division I.	
Grimsby	4 Bolton
Division III.—South.	
Thames	3 Watford
Division III.—North.	
Southport	1 York
Hullfax	3 Rochdale

**LEAGUE TABLES REVISED.**

Division I.		Goals.	
Arsenal	28 18	7	303 42 43
Wednesday	30 17	6	7 81 55 40
Aston Villa	29 15	8	6 90 58 38
Derby	29 14	7	8 73 56 35
Portsmouth	28 11	9	5 51 51 31
Manchester City	28 13	5	11 53 52 31
Middlesbrough	30 13	5	12 66 55 31
Liverpool	29 11	8	10 65 51 30
West Ham	29 12	6	11 66 55 30
Huddersfield	28 11	7	10 62 54 29
Sheffield U.	28 10	9	5 53 53 29
Chelsea	28 10	8	10 50 47 28
Leicester	27 12	3	12 61 56 27
Newcastle	29 11	4	14 61 58 26
Sunderland	28 9	8	11 64 58 26
Blackburn	28 10	6	12 58 52 26
Grimsby	30 11	4	15 64 54 26
Birmingham	28 8	8	12 45 53 24
Bolton	29 9	6	14 39 57 24
Leeds	28 8	5	15 52 60 21
Blackpool	28 7	7	14 49 51 21
Manchester U.	30 6	4	21 38 89 14

Division III.—Southern.		Goals.	
Notts County	29 18	7	4 69 33 43
Brighton	28 13	10	5 45 30 36
Southend	28 16	2	10 67 44 34
Crystal Pal.	28 14	5	9 77 63 33
Northampton	29 12	7	9 48 37 28
Coventry	28 14	4	10 64 45 32
Brentford	29 13	6	10 63 50 32
Futon	29 12	8	11 45 43 30
Swindon	29 14	2	13 62 63 30
Fulham	29 12	6	11 53 55 30
Reading	30 12	6	15 54 34 30
Queens P.R.	29 13	3	12 61 47 29
Bournemouth	29 10	9	10 52 55 29
Exeter	28 10	9	9 52 57 29
Gillingham	29 9	9	11 45 51 27
Bristol R.	30 9	8	13 50 69 26
Clapton O.	27 10	5	12 43 52 25
Watford	29 9	5	15 51 58 23
Thames	29 8	4	17 37 73 20
Newport	29 8	3	18 55 84 19
Norwich	29 7	5	17 33 64 19

Division III.—Northern.		Goals.	
Lincoln	29 20	4	5 69 32 44
Chesterfield	30 18	5	7 71 44 41
Tranmere	29 18	5	6 87 55 41
Stockport	29 17	4	8 60 40 38
Wrexham	29 14	7	6 66 48 35
Cardiff	29 15	4	10 71 55 34
Southport	28 15	4	9 67 40 34
Wigan	29 15	3	11 57 62 33
Hull	27 13	8	8 67 41 32
Gateshead	28 9	11	8 42 46 29
Darlington	29 10	5	14 49 44 28
York	28 11	9	14 55 58 25
Rochdale	30 10	5	15 53 77 25
Accrington	30 11	8	10 59 58 25
Barrow	29 10	4	15 45 68 24
Rotherham	29 8	7	14 61 66 23
Preston	29 12	7	14 47 50 23
New Brighton	30 9	9	16 65 58 23
Halifax	29 9	5	16 40 69 23
Crowley	29 10	2	17 62 72 22
Hartlepool	28 9	8	16 51 55 21
Nelson	29 5	6	18 35 65 18

**RAILWAY STOCK.**

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**GERMAN RAIL SHARES.**

Berlin, Yesterday.  
By arrangement with a group of international bankers, including the French, the Government has assured the sale of 800,000,000 marks worth of German railway preference shares at a discount rate of six and a half per cent.—Reuter.

**DOLE TO COST MORE.**

**BORROWING POWERS OF FUND EXTENDED.**

**ALMOST EXHAUSTED.**

London, Yesterday.  
The House of Commons to-day agreed to a financial resolution to extend the borrowing powers of the Public Works Loan Commission from £70,000,000, which amount is almost exhausted, to £90,000,000.

**BRITISH MISSION TO VISIT INDIA?**

**To Follow Up Work of Round Table Parley.**  
**NOT DECIDED YET.**

New Delhi, Yesterday.  
Mr. Wedgwood Benn, Secretary for India, Mr. J. H. Thomas, and other Parliamentary delegates are expected to arrive here early in March with constitutional experts for discussions on India, with a view to the appointment of Indian committees to work out details of the constitution.

**Official Denial.**  
London, Yesterday.  
It is officially stated in London that there is no truth in the report from Delhi that Mr. Benn and Mr. Thomas are shortly leaving for India.

**Government's Project.**  
In connection with the rumoured visit of the British statesmen, Reuter learns that there is no reason to believe that the Government have abandoned the project. It is considering, to send a small party of British politicians and officials to India to follow up the work of the Round Table Conference.  
Many of the Indian Round Table delegates had hoped that the party would include Lord Sankey and Mr. Benn. It is pointed out that special obstacles prevent the Lord Chancellor leaving the country, but it is not improbable that other members of the Government may visit India, though decisions have not yet been taken.

**Riots in Benares.**

Benares, Yesterday.  
One hundred and ninety-four persons, mostly Hindus, have been sent to hospital as a result of communal disturbances on February 12. Fifteen deaths are reported.

**Baseless Report.**

London, Yesterday.  
In the House of Commons to-day, replying to Mr. Winston Churchill, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald described the report that Mr. Benn and Mr. Thomas were to visit India soon as baseless. No such decisions had been made. The Government were now consulting with the Viceroy how best to carry on the negotiations begun in London. The arrangements, when completed, will be announced.—Reuter.

**Gandhi Meets Viceroy.**

New Delhi, Yesterday.  
A four hours' conversation between Lord Irwin and Mahatma Gandhi to-day was believed to be of a satisfactory nature. It will be resumed to-morrow.—Reuter.

**GENERAL ELECTION IN MINIATURE.**

**Seven By-Elections in Progress at Home.**  
**POLLING TO-MORROW.**

London, Yesterday.  
The country is faced with the almost unprecedented situation of a miniature general election, seven by-elections either being in progress or pending.

One is at East Islington, due to the death of the Labour member, Dr. Ethel Bentham, the candidates being Mrs. Leah Manning (Labour), Miss Thelma Cazalet (Conservative), Major Crawford (Liberal) and Brigadier General Critchley (Empire Crusader).

Polling will be on Thursday. All the parties concede that the contest is likely to close at one.

There is a vacancy at Fareham, due to the retirement of Sir John Davidson, and the candidates are the former Attorney-General, Sir Thomas Inskip (Conservative), Mr. Cross (Liberal), and Mr. Pearson (Labour). Polling is on Friday.  
A by-election is occasioned at Salisbury, owing to the retirement of Mr. Hugh Morrison and at Pontypridd, owing to the resignation of Mr. Hardy Jones. Other by-elections at St. George's, Westminster; Sunderland; Farnham; and Tyne, owing to deaths of sitting members, complete the list.—Reuter.

**KWONGSAI ON THE ROCKS.**

**All Passengers Taken Off Safely.**  
**SPEEDY REFLOATING.**

Yet another river boat went aground on Pratt Rocks, at practically the identical spot on which the s.s. Tin Yat (Capt. Go) was stranded early on Friday morning, was taken off the same day and returned to Hong Kong to dock for the repair of a small hole. The latest victim of the dangers of the river at this time of the year is the s.s. Kwong Sai (Capt. Acok). She left Hong Kong at 10 p.m. on Sunday and, meeting with a thick fog when nearing Pratt Rocks, grounded at about 2 a.m. on Monday.

Her plight was discovered by vessels going down river from Canton on Sunday night, and information of the stranding was given to the Harbour Office here by the master of the s.s. Sunning. The Kwong Sai was not badly damaged, and, as anticipated, was refloated with the next high tide. She immediately returned to Hong Kong and is now in Kowloon Docks undergoing minor repairs.

As a precaution against eventualities, her passengers were taken off during Sunday night by the s.s. Shing Cheng, which plies between Canton and Macao, and was the first vessel to reach the Kwong Sai after the grounding.

The s.s. Kwong Sai (formerly the Kwong Shoo) is owned by the Shun On S.S. Co., and flies the British flag, having been registered in Hong Kong. She is a twin screw steel vessel of 1,300 (817 net) tonnage and was built in 1902 by Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co.

Her dimensions are length, 192.0; breadth, 35.0; and depth, 11.3.  
**Four Other Vessels?**  
Rumours are also current in shipping circles to-day, that four vessels (names not being ascertained) are aground in the West River. Their positions, however, are not thought to be serious and no difficulty about refloating them is anticipated.

**SCHEME TO RESTORE PRICE OF SILVER.**

**Conference to Be Held on the Question.**  
**BRITAIN TO BE LEFT OUT?**

London, Yesterday.  
In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. W. Smithers (Cons.), Mr. Philip Snowden said that he had not received an invitation from the U.S. Government to attend a conference with a view to restoring the price of silver.

Mr. Smithers urged that in view of the world-wide interest in the price of silver, Mr. Snowden ought to take every opportunity to fall in with the arrangements being made in the world so that Great Britain should not be out of this conference.  
Mr. Snowden replied that he did not think that the British Government should take the initiative in this matter. "It should rest with other countries with a far greater interest than we have in this matter." He added that if there was an international conference Britain would not be backward.—Reuter.

**NEW PRESIDENT.**

**ELECTION OF PREMIER OF FINLAND.**

**NARROW VOTING MARGIN.**

Helsingfors, Yesterday.  
The Premier, Mr. Svinhufvud has been elected President of Finland by 151 votes to 149, secured by Dr. Stahlberg.—Reuter.

**CHANGE IN CHINA SALT GABELLE.**

**Query Raised in House of Commons.**  
**BRITISH INTERESTS.**

London, Yesterday.  
In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. A. M. Samuel asked why the British Chief Inspector of the Chinese Salt Gabelle had been replaced by an American, seeing that the United States had not participated in the foreign consortium or signed the loan on which the foreign reorganisation Gabelle was based.

Mr. Arthur Henderson replied that Sir Miles Lampson had instructed his representative in Nanking to draw the attention of the Chinese Finance Minister to the large interests of British bond-holders in loans secured from the salt revenue, and to enquire whether the Chief Inspector of the Gabelle would be replaced, and enquire why Mr. F. Hussey-Freke had been replaced.

[A message of February 9 stated:—It is officially announced that the Minister of Finance, Mr. T. V. Soong, has appointed Mr. Frederick Albert Cleveland, an American economist, Acting Associate Chief Inspector of the Salt Gabelle, in succession to Mr. Frederick Hussey-Freke.

Mr. Hussey-Freke has been appointed Adviser to the Ministry of Finance.

Mr. Cleveland, who came out East with the Kemmerer Currency Commission, later joined the Salt Gabelle as head of the Accounting Department. He is a well-known economist, having been in charge of the President's inquiry into the business methods of the United States Government in 1910 and Chairman of President Taft's Commission on Economy and Efficiency in 1911-12.

Mr. Hussey-Freke, who was formerly with the Haikou Conservancy Board, succeeded Sir Ernest Wilton in 1926 as Foreign Chief Inspector of the Salt Gabelle, but in 1928, in order to bring the Salt Chief Inspectorate under the direct control of the Ministry of Finance, as in the case of the Customs, Mr. Liu Tsung-yi was appointed Chief Inspector, with Mr. Hussey-Freke as Associate Chief Inspector.]

**ARREST OF GLASGOW BUSINESS MEN.**

**A Company Promoter Charged with Fraud.**  
**NEARLY \$500,000 INVOLVED.**

London, Yesterday.  
Glasgow has been stirred by the sudden arrest of 14 business men, some of whom are prominent public men connected with the Scottish Amalgamated Silks, Limited, now in voluntary liquidation. Nearly \$500,000 is involved.

Simultaneously a company promoter has been arrested in Manchester, charged with forming a fraudulent scheme to obtain money from the public in connection with the above company. He is being sent to Glasgow. The Scottish Amalgamated Silk Co. was formed in 1928, with a capital of nearly £2,000,000.—Reuter.

Remand in Custody.  
Thirteen well-known North of England and West Scotland business men were formally remanded in custody in the Glasgow Sheriff's Court to-day on charges of fraud and false pretences arising out of an investigation of the affairs of Scottish Amalgamated Silks, Limited. The amount involved is stated to be \$458,000.

Names of Accused.  
The following are the names of the 13 arrested business men:—Fred Tomlinson, John Morrison, Rockland, George Stanley Coats, Nelson Vetch Coats, Joseph Johnston, James Sutherland, Robert Hammy, Alexander Young, George Todd, Duncan Wilkie, Alexander Rennie, John Gardner, and Arthur Callender Strachan.  
Ball for Octogenarian.  
The octogenarian, James Sutherland, one of the 13 business men charged, has been released on bail for \$10,000, owing to ill health.—Reuter.

**TEST MATCH LEFT DRAWN.**

**South Africans Nearly Force Victory.**  
**EXCITING FINISH.**

Johannesburg, Yesterday.  
The third Test match was left drawn here to-day. The South Africans were set 816 runs in the fourth innings to snatch victory, but at the close of play they had lost seven wickets for 280 runs in a thrilling fight for victory.

In England's second innings Nupen was in a very destructive mood and in the thirty-nine minutes play this morning he returned the splendid figures of  
O. M. R. W.  
4.1 0 15 6

Tate played a vigorous innings which lasted twenty-five minutes and included four sixes.

**Scores:—**

England—First Innings.	
R. E. S. Wyatt, lb.w., b Nupen	37
Lee, lb.w., b Nupen	18
Hammond, c McMillan, b Hall	75
Hendren, c Cameron, b Hall	64
Leyland, lb.w., b Hall	91
M. J. Turnbull, st. Cameron, b McMillan	25
Farrimond, c Mitchell, b Hall	23
Peebles, c Nupen, b Vincent	3
Chapman, b Nupen	5
Tate, c Mitchell, b McMillan	26
Voce, not out	41
Extras	29

Total ..... 442

**Bowling Analysis.**

O. M. R. W.	
Hall	37 5 105 4
Catterall	7 1 16 0
Nupen	67 7 148 3
McMillan	15.1 1 62 2
Vincent	26 8 69 1
Viljoen	4 0 13 0

**South Africa—First Innings.**

Curnow, lb.w., b Hammond	7
Siedle, lb.w., b Peebles	63
Mitchell, lb.w., b Tate	68
H. W. Taylor, hit wkt., b Peebles	72
Catterall, c Hammond, b Tate	11
Viljoen, b Voce	30
Cameron, b Peebles	2
McMillan, c Hendren, b Peebles	12
Nupen, not out	11
Vincent, lb.w., b Peebles	0
Hall, b Peebles	20

Extras ..... 295

Fall of the wickets:—1 for 16, 2 for 112, 3 for 167, 4 for 185, 5 for 243, 6 for 248, 7 for 280, 8 for 295, 9 for 295, 10 for 295.

**Bowling Analysis.**

O. M. R. W.	
Tate	27 9 46 2
Hammond	28 6 50 1
Voce	42 11 106 1
Peebles	38.5 10 63 6
Wyatt	2 0 10 0

**England—2nd Innings.**

Wyatt, lb.w., b Vincent	10
Lee, c Mitchell, b Catterall	1
Hammond, c Mitchell, b Catterall	15
Hendren, c Vincent, b Nupen	45
Leyland, c Mitchell, b Nupen	46
Tate, c McMillan, b Nupen	38
Chapman, c Taylor, b Nupen	3
Voce, c Siedle, b Nupen	0
Turnbull, not out	0
Peebles, c b Nupen	7

Extras ..... 7

Total (for 9 wks., dec.) 169

Fall of the wickets:—1 for 3, 2 for 28, 3 for 28, 4 for 120, 5 for 125, 6 for 135, 7 for 167, 8 for 167.

**Bowling Analysis.**

O. M. R. W.	
Catterall	10 1 28 2
Hall	9 2 47 0
Vincent	14 4 29 1
Nupen	16.1 1 46 6
McMillan	2 0 12 0

**South Africa—2nd Innings.**

Siedle, c Hammond, b Tate	8
Curnow, lb.w., b Tate	12
Mitchell, c Hammond, b Voce	74
Taylor, b Voce	13
Catterall, lb.w., b Peebles	21
Cameron, not out	69
Viljoen, c Hammond, b Voce	31
McMillan, c Hendren, b Voce	24
Nupen, not out	11
Extras	17

Total (for 7 wks.) ..... 280

Fall of the wickets:—1 for 14, 2 for 33, 3 for 102, 4 for 135, 5 for 153, 6 for 223, 7 for 261.







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1931.**

February 28, March 2, 3, 4,  
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ON SATURDAY, February 28, the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m., and on all other days at 11.30 a.m. On the first day the first bell will be rung at 1 p.m. and on the other four days at 11 a.m.

**MEMBERS' BADGES &  
ENCLOSURE.**

Members are reminded that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 per day including tax—or \$40 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5 and \$20, respectively), are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Club.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

**PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.**

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$4 per day including tax for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 per day, including tax. Bookmakers, Tio Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

**SERVANTS' PASSES.**

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.  
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By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
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Hong Kong, February 11, 1931.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, February 14, to SATURDAY, February 21, 1931 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

KAN TONG PO,  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, February 4, 1931.

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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers  
Hong Kong, 9th February, 1931.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 28th February, 1931, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1930.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 16th February to SATURDAY, the 28th February, 1931, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
V. M. GRAYBURN,  
Chief Manager.  
Hong Kong, 9th February, 1931.

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**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

THE ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 1, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 5th March, 1931, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and Electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 20th February, 1931, to THURSDAY, 5th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period NO transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
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**A MEAN TRICK.**

A husband's mean trick on a sleeping wife was described at Tower Bridge police court when Charles Henry Adrian Saunders, 22, naval telegraphist, of St. Agnes Place, Kennington, was charged on remand on his own confession with breaking and entering a building in Tower Bridge Road and stealing £229 from a safe, the money of Messrs. Best, butchers. The charge was reduced to one of larceny, to which accused pleaded guilty.

Evidence given last week showed that Saunders, who was home on leave, and had spent that night with his wife, a cashier at Messrs. Best's shop, got up early on the pretence that he was returning to Chatham, took the keys of the shop from her bag without her knowledge, went to the shop, took the money, and returned home, telling her that he had been refused admission to the railway as he was not in uniform. He returned her keys without her knowledge, and later went back to Chatham, where he bought a motor-bicycle for £58.

The Master-at-Arms now said Saunders told him he had secreted £130 in a wallet in the wireless outfit. He informed his superior officer, and with him searched the wireless set, the men, and the ship. They found no trace of the money, but discovered the wallet (produced).

Saunders: The Master-at-Arms said he would try to find the money and hold it until the affair had blown over.

Witness: Nothing of the sort. My superior officer was with me the whole time.

The Magistrate (Mr. Oulton): "There are two good features in this case; that you have not been convicted before and that you have borne a good character. The bad ones are: that, having committed this theft, you cast suspicion on your wife and then on the Master-at-Arms. I can do no less than send you to prison for five months, with hard labour."

**MOTHER GOES TOO.**

**BRITISH GIRL'S PART IN PARIS  
REVUE.**

Paris, Dec. 12.

Miss Dot Shirley, of Nottingham, has arrived in Paris to take a part in Miami, a new revue which is a French version of "Follow Through."

Miss Shirley is only fifteen, and is said to be the youngest British actress ever to appear on the Continent.

"Before I could come I had to get a special order made by a Bow Street magistrate, and my mother had to deposit a guarantee of £100 before I was allowed by the British authorities to come to France," she said, on her arrival.

She is chaperoned by her mother.

**GRAMOPHONE IN BELFRY.**

**The Broken Bells of  
Bow.**

Science is to come to the aid of the ancient Bow Bells of St. Mary-le-Bow Church, Chancery Lane, which for five years have been silent because three of them are cracked and the other nine need expert attention.

The Lord Mayor (Sir Pheneas Neal) has become president of the Repairs Committee and to call attention to the endeavour an electrical gramophone is to be installed in the church so that the music of famous peals may again ring out from the ancient belfry.



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**FRESH HEARING.**

Penang, January 28.

The re-hearing of the case in which Mrs. Ellen Jane Mason and Mr. Matthew Reid are charged with causing the death of a Tamil, Kuppassamy, at Green Lane on November 14, by driving a car in a rash and negligent manner, was begun to-day before Mr. Justice Sproule and a Special Jury, with Mr. F. J. Hubble as Foreman. Altogether, five of the jurors had served on the previous jury. The case was previously stopped as it was discovered that the foreman of the jury, Mr. Walshe was an employee with the same firm as that by which Mr. Reid and Mrs. Mason's husband are employed.

At the outset, the Deputy Public Prosecutor, Mr. Gibson, raised a point of law on the question as to whether those proceedings were in order having regard to the fact that he had entered a nolle prosequi under the Civil Procedure Code or whether they should start the proceedings entirely de novo.

His Lordship said it was intolerable that the two accused should go through a further preliminary hearing. In the interests of the two accused, he thought the case should go on.

The Deputy Public Prosecutor then outlined the case and called the witnesses for the prosecution. The case for the prosecution was closed at the fifteen interval.

**The Defence.**

Mr. Hume, in his opening address said this funeral procession was most disorderly that had ever been seen. Mrs. Mason, giving evidence, said that in November it was arranged that Mr. Reid should give her lessons in driving. Before that she had had some lessons in driving. On November 14 she was having her fifth lesson from Mr. Reid. They went to Green Lane. She had all her lessons in Green Lane, as that was a quiet and a straight road. She took the wheel from Mr. Reid after they got into Green Lane. She had been driving for about 300 yards when she noticed a funeral procession in front. She asked Mr. Reid if it was safe to drive through the procession, and Mr. Reid said, "Yes," if she drove carefully.

She sounded the horn several times and approached the procession. The crowd moved to both sides of the road, opening up a channel in the middle. She passed the crowd at the rear of the hearse and she also passed the hearse.

She could not remember hitting anyone immediately after passing the hearse—it was possible that one or two men might have barged into the car—but the first she saw was when three men suddenly jumped in front of her car. They moved to the centre of the road from the left. It was impossible to avoid knocking the men down. She ran over one man, and the rear left wheel rested over his chest. She stopped the car at once within its own length. She did not swerve to the right or left; it was impossible to do so owing to the crowd on both sides.

She could not say what the three men were doing; they suddenly danced in front of the car. There were no drums being beaten at the time. The rest of the procession was orderly. In her opinion, the three men who danced in front of the car had been drinking.

Mr. Reid's Evidence.  
Mr. Matthew Reid, an assistant at Mansfield's, Penang, said he had been driving for the past 10 years or so. It was agreed that he should give Mrs. Mason driving lessons. She had lessons previously, and he was to instruct her particularly as to the backing of a car. When he gave Mrs. Mason her first lesson it was evident she had been instructed before. In witness's opinion, Mrs. Mason was perfectly competent to drive in a straight line, so that when Mrs. Mason asked him about passing the procession, he at once said she could. Witness proceeded to corroborate Mrs. Mason on the other facts, and said that even if he had been at the wheel it would have been impossible to avoid knocking the men down. Mrs. Mason was able to stop the car at once. That was one of the first things he had taught her, and when he said "stop" that day Mrs. Mason did stop at once.

Mrs. Phyllis Batchelor said she had passed the procession that evening. The procession was very disorderly and the men appeared to be drunk. She had to shout to her driver. "For God's sake, Sals, go plan plan." The men did not seem to notice her car at all.

At this stage, the further hearing was postponed.

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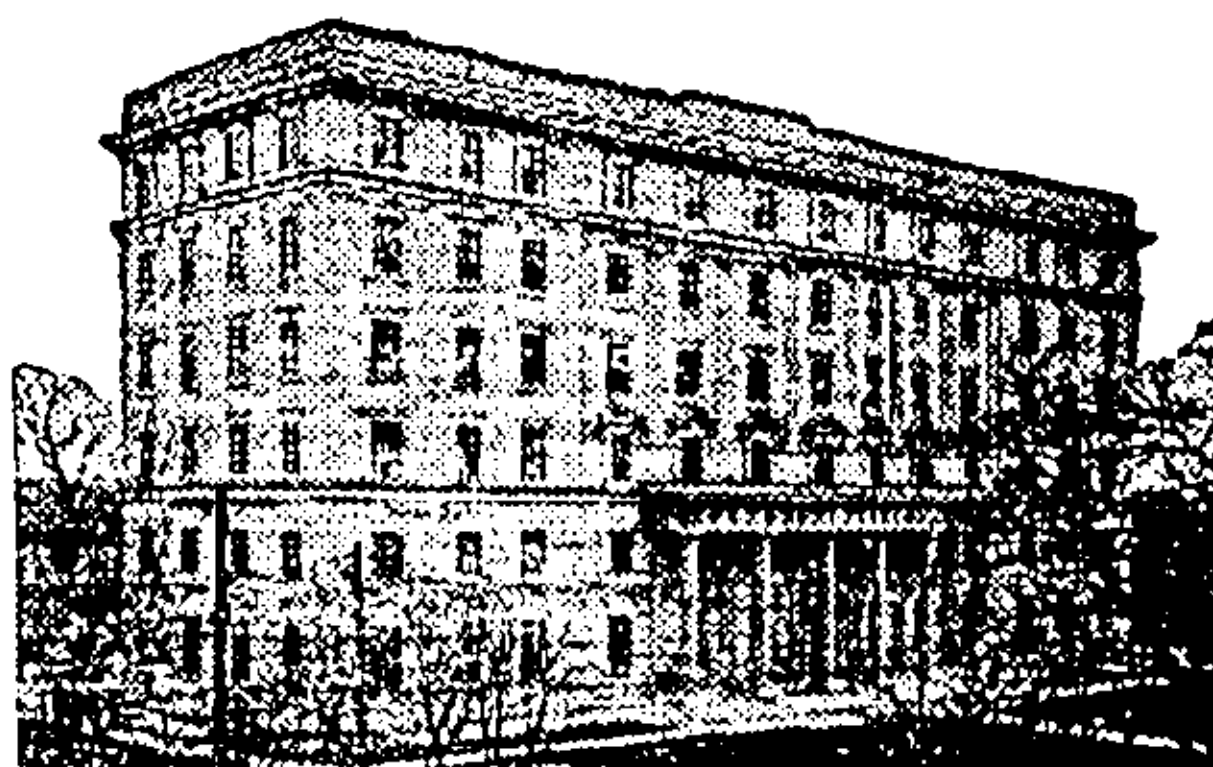
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CALCUTTA via Singapore & Rangoon.	Celebes Maru	Thurs.	19th Feb.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Japan Ports.	Arabia Maru (from Shanghai)	Sat.	21st Feb.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Hokureku Maru	Thurs.	10th Mar.
JAPAN PORTS (Freight Service).	Menado Maru	Thurs.	19th Feb.
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KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (Every Sunday Noon).	Canton Maru	Sun.	1st Mar.
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## VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY II.

### Vindicating Captain Cook.

The Discovery Committee reports that the Royal Research Ship Discovery II, has carried out a complete investigation and hydrographical survey of the South Sandwich Islands. This was the first official visit made since the islands were declared British Territory by Letters Patent dated July 21, 1908.

The Discovery of Enderby Land and the possible confusion of ship names have probably diverted attention from the exploratory work by the new steamship Discovery II in the Falkland Islands Dependencies, (writes J. M. Worgie in the Times). This was the first voyage of the new research ship, steel built and ice strengthened, with a steaming radius of over 6,000 miles, and equipped with scientific staff and apparatus unequalled since the Challenger voyage in 1872. She was able, in seas notoriously stormy when not ice-covered, to combine important land work with her regular oceanographic programme; and there can be no better proof of her excellent qualities for the purposes for which she has been built.

The South Sandwich Islands (not to be confused with the Pacific Sandwich Islands, now the Hawaiian Group) are nearly always ice-surrounded. They lie about 1,200 miles E.S.E. of the Falkland Islands. Exploring visits have been rare and of very brief duration, and till this year the islands were uncharted and the possibilities of useful development unknown. Discovery II spent three weeks round the islands, and carried out a detailed survey of the group. Two particularly good anchorages were discovered, sounding and dredging were continuous; and an immense advance in the little-known hydrography of the islands has now been made. Thus Discovery II, rounds off a chapter in Antarctic history associated with the great figures of Cook and Bellingshausen. It has given us at least one dimly romantic name in Southern Thule. On Tuesday, January 31, 1775 Captain Cook, nearing the end of his Second Voyage, wrote:—

At half-past six as we were standing N.N.E. with the wind at West, the fog very fortunately clearing away a little, we discovered land ahead, three or four miles distant. I called this land Southern Thule, because it is the most southern land that has ever yet been discovered.

Sanwich Land. Other landfalls in the shape of glacier-covered headlands loomed through the mist during the next three days: "Cape Bristol," in honour of the noble family of Hervey; "Cape Montagu;" "an island, which I named Saunders, after my honourable friend Sir

Charles," and finally "two isles the day on which they were discovered was the occasion of calling them Candelmas Isles." Cook gave these discoveries the general name of Sandwich Land. His Second Voyage in the Resolution had been designed to settle finally the problem of an hypothetical Southern Continent, confidently claimed by Quirós as stretching into the temperate zone and even reaching the tropics. The voyage dispelled the myth in overwhelming fashion, but nevertheless Cook believed that in order to explain icebergs some land must exist farther south; Sandwich Land might therefore be a portion of this smaller continent. Cook sailed on to look for Bouvet's Cape Circumcision, and failing to find it returned to the Cape and home from a voyage as fruitful and remarkable as his earlier one to New Zealand and Australia.

Nearly half a century was to pass before Sandwich Land became the South Sandwich Islands. Russia's rise as a maritime power led to the dispatch of many exploring expeditions, but none has had such discoveries to its credit as that of Bellingshausen. Ordered south in 1819 by the Emperor Alexander I with instructions to complete Cook's work by pushing south where that navigator had had to turn towards the north. Bellingshausen proceeded to carve off notions of the unknown south almost as large as those removed by Cook. On January 3, 1820, when approaching Sandwich Land, three new islands were discovered and named after the Marquis de Traverses of the Russian Admiralty. One was described as an active volcano, rising into a fantastic summit and emitting thick clouds of vapour. A landing was made and the ground found to be quite hot on the mountain, so that one side was free from snow and thickly covered with penguins. New Year's Day was celebrated on January 12, which was rough and stormy, indicating little ice that year.

A Man of Resource. Cook's route had been to the west of the land-falls; Bellingshausen sailed along their eastern side, proving that they were all of them islands, members of a curved chain from Traverses Islands in the north to Southern Thule at the other extreme. Bellingshausen spent 11 days among them. His further route was eastwards, to New Zealand, where the southern winter was spent. The remainder of the voyage is equally interesting. In the second summer a course was laid across the Southern Pacific in a high latitude and led to the discovery of Peter I Island and Alexander Island, the latter near Graham Land. Ignorant of the work of Smith and Bransfield at the South Shetlands and Trinity Land, Bellingshausen with exemplary patriotism gave new names to the islands, choosing for them the battlefields where Napoleon had suffered defeat—Waterloo, Borodino, Smolensk. Bellingshausen's little-known voyage showed him to be a man of ability and resource; he kept down scurvy, most dreaded at that time, and so carried his expedition to a triumphant conclusion.

In the last century the islands have occasionally been sighted by whalers and exploring ships. Shackleton in the Endurance passed between Candelmas and Saunders Islands. The Norwegian Larsen, pioneer of both South Georgia and Ross Sea whaling, landed on one of the Traverses Islands, but was choked by sulphurous fumes and fell dangerously ill. In 1911 the German explorer Flichner in the Deutschland stated very emphatically that Cook was in error over the Candelmas group, and that there was only one island. In the passage of a century no later visit can compare with Bellingshausen's, and in the Antarctic Pilot, just published by the Admiralty, the illustrative drawings are those of the Russian admiral. The reproach that British territory remained uncharted has now been removed. The Antarctic summer of 1929-30 was a remarkable round South Georgia and near the mouth of the Weddell Sea by reason of the almost

entire absence of pack-ice. As a result Discovery II. found exceptional and almost ice-free conditions in February and March at the South Sandwich Islands, and, acting on instructions from the Discovery Committee at the Colonial Office, spent nearly three weeks investigating the group. Dr. Kemp, the director of research, has reported weather of unusual severity during the time of the visit, and on five out of the 20 days the ship had to lie under the ice of one of the islands. Several landings were attempted, but for the most part failed. Captain Carey, however, has so handled his ship that the principal object has been attained and a running survey made of each of the islands. Lieutenant Nelson, the navigating officer, was able to fix accurately the position of each member of the group, trace in the coast line, discover anchorages, and chart dangers to navigation. Echo sounding was much in use, often at the rate of one a minute: the logs record 2,904 soundings with shallow-water apparatus and 659 with deep-water gear. Photographs and sketches were made in quantity, and the result is a complete and almost final report on the South Sandwich group.

Volcanic Islands. Among the more interesting results is the vindication of Captain Cook and the re-determination that the Candelmas Islands are two in number, with an excellent anchorage between. Dr. Kemp has named the more western one Vindication Islands. So far as seen the islands are entirely volcanic, but it is stated that there is a possibility of sedimentary rock on Freeland Peak, an outlying rock to the west of Bristol Island named by Cook after the seaman who sighted it.

Two of the islands, Zavodovski and Candelmas, send out strong sulphurous fumes; while three of the others are less active and give rise only to clouds of vapour. On the remaining six volcanic activity seems to be dead, but the absence of snow in some places is probably evidence that they are still partly warm and that smouldering fires are not very far distant. No volcanic outburst with discharge of lava or dust showers has ever been recorded. In the Thule group echo soundings revealed a remarkable basin, two miles in diameter, with a depth of 409 fathoms in the middle and only 15 fathoms round the rim: this, with little doubt, is a submerged crater, and the lower layers of stagnant water in the basin have peculiar conditions of composition, affecting the animal life. On the land bird life was abundant, and seals and sea elephants frequented the coast.

Whaling. The possibilities as a whaling region are not so promising as elsewhere. The islands may once more fade into obscurity. On the other hand, prophecies are rash, especially near the Poles. A hundred and sixty years ago George Foster, one of Captain Cook's naturalists, wrote that "if the northern ocean should ever be cleared of whales" we might then visit the other hemisphere, where these animals are numerous, but that South Georgia would be too remote and uninhabitable. In spite of these confident words, South Georgia has been the chief centre of the world's whaling for 25 years. Its ascendancy may perhaps be at an end, and fears for the future of whaling are widespread. Before it is too late the Colonial Office has stepped in, and it is the work of Discovery II to explore the feeding grounds of the whales and to discover their migrations and habits, so that some measure of control can be exercised to prevent the southern ocean from going the same way as the northern and, in Foster's phrase, becoming "cleared of whales."

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Delagon Maru, Japanese str., 4,373 tons, Capt. H. Takasu, from Shanghai, buoy No. A5.—N.Y.K.  
Menado Maru, Japanese str., 1,286 tons, Capt. T. Kawamata, from Haiphong, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.  
Taping, Norwegian str., 4,085 tons, Capt. J. A. Jensen, from Manila, buoy No. A2.—Doddwell & Co.  
Tai Poo Sek, French str., 1,219 tons, Capt. M. Paul, from K. C. Wan, C.M.S.N. Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.

Solatan, British str., 1,571 tons, Capt. A. C. Inglis, from Hoihow, buoy No. A10.—Kwong Nam & Co.  
Elsandari, Dutch str., 5,019 tons, Capt. J. J. Duit, from Amoy, buoy No. A4.—J.C.J.L.  
Yonan Maru, Japanese str., 5,178 tons, Capt. Y. Kita, from Manila, buoy No. A12.—Siemssen & Co.  
Yuenang, British str., 1,983 tons, Capt. J. W. Pettigrew, from Kobe, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.  
Monday, Feb. 16.  
Haiyang, British str., 1,263 tons, Capt. W. G. Erwin, from Swatow, Douglas Wharf.—Douglas & Co.  
Hansang, British str., 356 tons, Capt. A. D. Kelman, from Swatow, West Point Wharf.—J. M. & Co.  
Hellas, Norwegian str., 1,113 tons, Capt. T. Olsen, from Swatow, buoy No. B18.—Thorsen & Co.  
Kagan, British str., 1,573 tons, Capt. D. Lupton, from Swatow, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.  
Linchow, French str., 1,591 tons, Capt. F. B. Morgan, from Canton, buoy No. A9.—Sing Kee & Co.  
Memphis City, British str., 3,450 tons, Capt. R. O. Bormann, from Takao, buoy No. A11.—Bank Line.  
Patroling, British str., 5,910 tons, Capt. J. O. T. Clark, from Shanghai, buoy No. A19.—B. & S.

resident Jefferson, American str., 8,443 tons, Capt. A. O. Lustie, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—A.M.L.  
Suisang, British str., 1,983 tons, Capt. Hook, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.  
Sunning, British str., 1,670 tons, Capt. Evans, from Canton, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.  
Tetsuzan Maru, Japanese str., 1,240 tons, Capt. K. Murakami, from Whampoa, Stonecutters.—Wada Jimusho.  
Tainan, British str., 2,103 tons, Capt. W. Shaw, from Amoy, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.  
Wing Wo, Portuguese str., 495 tons, Capt. I. D. de Lemos, from K. C. Wan, Salkong Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.

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Cumberland—West wall dock.  
Herald—South wall.  
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.  
Iroquois—North wall.  
Kent—North arm.  
Marathon—No. 13 buoy.  
Medway—No. 2 buoy.  
Odin—No. 2 buoy.  
Osiris—in dock.  
Oswald—in dock.  
Otus—No. 2 buoy.  
Petersfield—North wall.  
Sandwich—South wall.  
Seymour—No. 11 buoy.  
Seraph—No. 7 buoy.  
Sterling—in dock.  
Stirling—No. 11 buoy.  
Suffolk—No. 8 buoy.  
Tamar—Basin.  
Thracian—No. 12 buoy.  
Foreign Men-of-War.  
Argus—French gunboat.

## STATESMAN DEAD.

### SUDDEN COLLAPSE OF A PRIVY COUNCILOR.

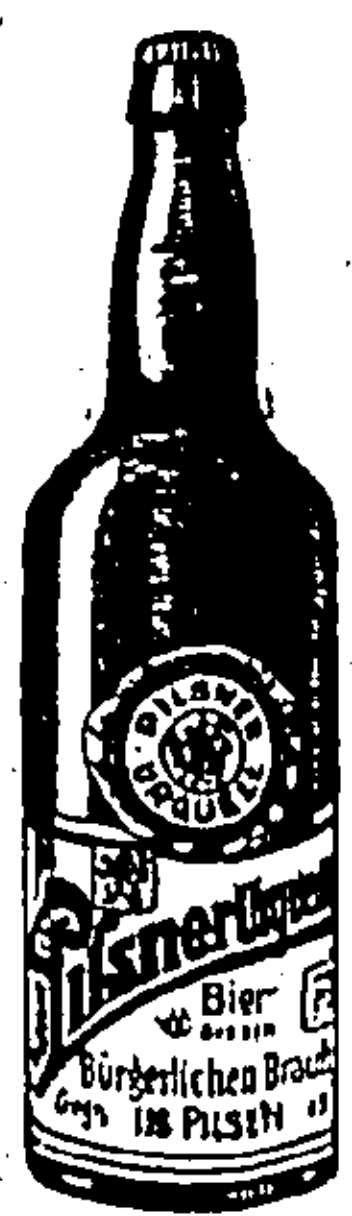
Tokyo, Yesterday. The death has occurred of the Privy Councillor, Dr. Kato Matsumoto. He collapsed suddenly this afternoon while talking to a friend, after attending a meeting of the Privy Council, which had just adjourned.—Reuter.



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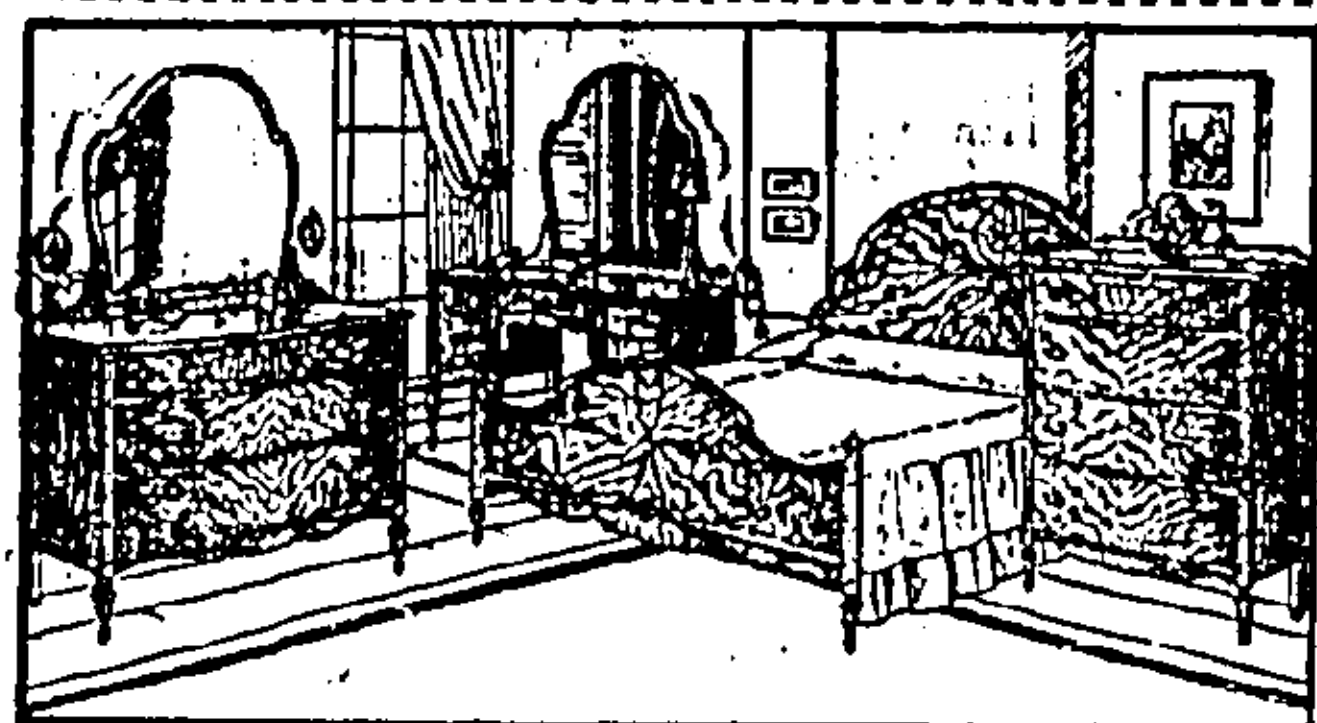
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### BIRTH.

SHERRY.—On February 18, at the  
Peak Hospital, to Mr. and  
Mrs. J. P. Sherry, a son.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1931.

### FREE TRADE?

According to a cablegram  
published in our news columns  
to-day, light has been thrown on  
Great Britain's request for tariff  
reductions. Mr. W. R. Smith,  
Parliamentary Secretary to the  
Board of Trade, has stated in the  
House of Commons that the British  
proposals have been sent to  
Austria, Belgium, France, Italy,  
Poland, and Switzerland. The  
proposals embrace articles of principal  
interest to British trade. They  
include a request for the consolidation  
of existing duties where already low, and in most  
cases where they are substantial  
a reduction of 25 per cent. is re-  
quested. It may appear facetious,  
and even impertinent, on the part  
of one nation to endeavour to  
interfere with the fiscal policies  
of other nations simply with the  
single view of protecting and ex-  
panding British trade. But there  
can be no doubt that in some  
countries the politicians have  
gone Protection-mad and tariff-  
mad—and that to the detriment  
of their own nationals' trade.

Speaking on this subject in  
mail week Sir George Paish, the  
eminent statistician, asked what  
is to happen to the world at the  
present time and how are they all  
to get out of their difficulties?  
Britain must look after herself.  
Every nation is doing its best  
to prevent other nations' growing  
in prosperity. Continental coun-  
tries are imposing high duties on

certain goods in order that they  
should be self-contained in times  
of war. This is taking the world  
into bankruptcy because the  
nations are pursuing a policy of  
hostility toward the other. What  
is wanted is a policy of co-operation,  
friendliness, and helpful-  
ness. To-day a great part of the  
world is committing suicide. It  
is vital that Great Britain should  
not participate in the same  
movement.

Sir George Paish asked if there  
is any hope of the world taking  
down its tariffs? If Britain set  
the example he is convinced that  
not only would the world follow,  
but that there would be univer-  
sal Free Trade within five years  
of the Liberal Party going into  
Power! He asserted that there  
are real grounds for expecting  
this to take place because the  
world is waiting for a lead. The  
world cannot get out of its present  
difficulties unless it takes its  
tariffs down. They are choking  
the world and bringing it to a  
state of great distress, and no  
Government will be able to last  
unless the right remedy is applied.

In that dream of universal Free  
Trade speaks not the statistician  
but the politician. Within five  
years of the Liberal Party going  
into power there will be no such  
thing as Empire Free Trade, let  
alone world Free Trade. The  
various units of the Empire can-  
not, unfortunately, agree on  
fiscal policies. They are en-  
chained to Protection or Prefer-  
ence or a limited form of Free  
Trade. They cannot realise how  
the prosperity of the Empire as  
a whole would be advanced by  
Empire Free Trade—that is, Em-  
pire Free Trade in the literal  
sense and not something else  
masquerading as Empire Free  
Trade!

Before Sir George Paish sets  
out to preach the doctrine of  
universal Free Trade—let him  
eliminate his political leanings and  
set to work to convert the Pro-  
tectionist and Preference units  
of the Empire to bone-fide Free  
Trade. On the success of this  
crusade will depend any movement  
in favour of universal Free Trade.  
Meanwhile interest will be centred  
on the British move to secure a  
reduction of tariffs in Continental  
countries, of which it is not easy  
to be optimistic looking to the real  
object of all the existing high  
tariffs.

### News in Brief.

Ching King, a Chinese boy, was  
admitted to the Government Civil  
Hospital on Monday suffering from  
convulsions caused through falling  
down the stairs of No. 28, Second  
Street, West Point.

The lowest open air temperature  
yesterday was 61 degrees, the high-  
est on Monday being 69. The  
humidity at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.  
yesterday was 64.

The manager of a local native  
bank has reported to the Police  
that a sheriff has absconded with  
\$1,390.39, which he had collected  
from customers on Monday.

The body of the Chinese youth  
who was knocked down and killed  
by a tramcar in Des Voeux Road on  
Sunday has been identified as  
Shui Lam, aged nine years, of No.  
13, Gough Street.

A Chinese, Lai Wai (30), was  
found lying at the foot of a stair-  
case at No. 318, Queen's Road Cen-  
tral, at 9 p.m. on Monday, having  
apparently fallen down the stairs.  
He was removed to the Government  
Civil Hospital, where he died  
three-quarters of an hour later.

A boarding house runner named  
Pun Shui was sent to the Kowloon  
Hospital on Monday with stab  
wounds in the lower part of the  
body. As a result two men have  
been arrested. The affair is al-  
leged to have taken place on  
board the s.s. Sui Sang while along-  
side the Kowloon Godowns.

For having possession of a jade  
mounted gold pin in Queen's Road,  
a Chinese, Wu Lung, was at the  
Central Court this morning fined  
\$5 or seven days' imprisonment.  
He was arrested on suspicion while  
trying to pawn the pin, and was  
unable to give any reasonable ex-  
planation of its possession.

The members of the H.K. & S.  
Brigade R.A. (British Staff) Ser-  
geant's Mess are holding a series of  
whist drives and socials on the  
first and third Fridays in each  
month, commencing at 8.30 p.m.  
sharp. The first drive will be held  
on Friday, when a bumper attend-  
ance is looked for. There will be  
aggregate prizes in addition to the  
normal prizes. Admission to each  
whist drive is fifty cents. The  
Mess is situated opposite the Kow-  
loon Football Club.

An order that the accused be  
severely reprimanded was made by  
a Naval Court Martial which sat  
on board H.M.S. Medway on Mon-  
day to try Lieut. W. G. D. Blakeney,  
R.N., of H.M.S. Bridgewater, who  
pleaded "guilty" to charges of re-  
maining off ship for one night  
without sanction, and being absent  
for two hours without leave. On  
a third charge of negligent per-  
formance of duty—failure to insert  
corrections to certain books—he  
was acquitted on the ground of  
unproved prosecution.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### STAR FERRY CO. DIRECTORS' FEES.

[To the Editor of "China Mail."]  
Sir,—In your issue of 12th inst.  
I was incorrectly reported at the  
annual meeting of the Star Ferry  
Co.

You made me suggest that the  
Directors' fees should be raised  
from \$2,000 to \$5,000 a year  
each.

What I did suggest was that  
the fees should be raised from  
\$2,000 in toto to \$5,000—rather a  
different proposition.

I thought, and I still think,  
that something between \$300 and  
\$400 a year is an inadequate fee  
for a Director of this Company.  
Perhaps your Sunday contem-  
porary, the Hong Kong Sunday  
Herald, will note the above and  
make the amende honorable and  
tender the apology due.

Yours, etc.,  
G. C. MOXON.  
Hong Kong, Feb. 16.

### TRADE REVIVAL.

#### HOPES OF LANCASHIRE COTTON MILLS.

London, Monday.  
The Lancashire cotton mills re-  
start to-day with well-founded hopes  
of a trade revival. According to  
the Daily Herald, from Manchester  
the flow of orders from India is to  
be resumed. This is directly due to  
the success of the Round Table  
Conference.—Reuter.

### IS YOUR NAME HERE?

Mail has been received at the  
American Consulate-General for  
the following persons:  
C. W. Armstrong, W. R. Attaway,  
C. L. Boender, L. Bruce, Wm. M.  
Collier, P. Dry, Mrs. L. Garland,  
E. P. M. von Gehren, T. F. Haskell,  
A. W. Hogan, Mrs. S. E. Johnson,  
G. H. Koster, A. R. Martin, A. M.  
Martin, Mrs. J. M. Maltby, J. A.  
McGee, I. G. Miller, C. M. Oliveira,  
M. Openhaw, F. N. Shumaker,  
Wardley.

### ALARMING FALL IN FREIGHTS.

Gloomy Report on  
British Shipping.  
COAL EXPORTS LOWER.

London, Yesterday.  
That there has been "a univer-  
sal, catastrophic" fall in freight  
is brought out in a report pre-  
pared for the annual meeting of the  
Chamber of Shipping on February  
19, showing that throughout 1930  
freight rates were below pre-  
war figures. The effect of this  
on the British financial situation  
was that whereas shipping in  
1929 contributed £130,000,000 to  
the National Budget, the cor-  
responding figure last year was  
no higher than £100,000,000.

The increase in the tonnage of  
motor ships over steam is nearly  
10 to 1—namely, 1,468,000 tons  
as against 148,000, which in  
turn has contributed to a decrease  
of coal exports.

The tonnage idle in the world  
has quadrupled during the year,  
and is now between 7,000,000 and  
8,000,000 tons, of which 2,250,000  
are British.—Reuter.

### REQUEST FOR LOWER TARIFFS.

British Proposals Sent  
to Seven Countries.

REDUCTION OF 25 PER CENT.

London, Yesterday.  
Light was thrown on Great  
Britain's request for tariff re-  
ductions by Mr. W. R. Smith,  
Parliamentary Secretary to the  
Board of Trade in the House of  
Commons to-day when he said  
that the British proposals had  
been sent to Austria, Belgium,  
France, Germany, Italy, Poland  
and Switzerland.

The proposals embraced arti-  
cles of principal interest to Bri-  
tish trade. They must be regard-  
ed as confidential at the present  
stage, but the general line follow-  
ed was a request for the consoli-  
dation of the existing duties  
where already low, and in most  
cases where they were substan-  
tial a reduction of 25 per cent.  
was requested.—Reuter.

### WEDDING.

CEREMONY IN ST. JOHN'S  
CATHEDRAL.

ALLEN—COLESWORTHY.

The wedding was solemnised in  
St. John's Cathedral, yesterday,  
of Eileen Florence Coleworthy, only  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. J.  
Colesworthy, of the Royal Naval  
Yard, and Mr. William Elijah  
Allen, only son of Mr. and Mrs.  
W. Allen, of Plaistow, London and  
a Sanitary Inspector here. The  
Dean (the Very Rev. A. Swann)  
officiated.

Entering the Cathedral on the  
arm of her father, who gave her  
away, the bride wore an ankle-  
length white crepe satin and silk  
lace dress, and was adorned with a  
coronet of orange blossom and a  
long embroidered veil. She car-  
ried a bouquet of chrysanthemums,  
roses and maidenhair fern. The  
bridesmaids were Miss Vera  
Bishop (chief bridesmaid) and the  
Misses Bessie Gill, Nora  
Gibson, and Ivy Brace. They  
wore ankle-length dresses of pale  
pink, pale blue, mauve and lemon,  
and had head-dresses of silver  
leaves. They wore silver shoes to  
match, and carried bouquets of  
sweet peas and maidenhair fern.

Master Douglas Mitchell, attired  
in a costume of black and white  
velvet, was page, whilst the bride's  
mother was gown in a dress of  
beige georgette and silk lace, with  
hat and shoes to match.  
Mr. A. W. T. White was best  
man, whilst Mr. C. Dawson car-  
ried out the duties of usher.

The nuptial service was choral,  
two hymns being sung.  
About 100 guests attended the  
subsequent reception which was  
held in Hong Kong Hotel Roof  
Garden, after which the happy  
couple left for Repulse Bay, where  
their honeymoon is being spent.  
The bride's travelling dress was of  
green tulle, with green and white  
speckled coat trimmed with grey  
fur. She wore a hat to match  
and beige stockings and shoes.  
The bride's gift to the bride-  
groom was a pair of gold cuff-  
links, whilst the groom's gift to  
the bride was a gold chain and  
ruby pendant. The bridegroom's  
gift to the bridesmaid was a gold  
ring each.

### DAME MELBA.

SUFFERING FROM SKIN  
INFECTION.

Sydney, Monday.

Dame Melba is confined to a hos-  
pital home with a skin infection and  
her condition is reported as grave.  
—Reuter.

### AMY JOHNSON'S CHINA FLIGHT.

A London - Warsaw  
Telephone Conversation.

"I HATE TO GIVE IN."

London, Jan. 6.  
Miss Amy Johnson may after all,  
give up her attempt to make a  
hazardous flight across the icy  
wastes of Siberia to Peking. (Miss  
Johnson gave up the attempt a few  
days later.)

Speaking on the telephone from  
Warsaw, near which place she  
made a forced landing, (writes  
George Fyfe of the Evening Stand-  
ard), she said to me to-day:

"I simply hate to give in, but it  
seems quite likely now I may have  
to give up this trip of mine to  
China."

She spoke quite calmly. The dis-  
appointment was there, but the firm  
note in her voice was characteris-  
tic. She indicated that she does  
not intend to disregard the advice  
of the experts.

"But," she went on, "I have not  
yet come to a definite conclusion.  
I came to Warsaw only last night,  
and I am waiting for my machine  
to be brought here."

"Conditions Impossible."

"The accident in landing was a  
piece of bad luck. It is not correct  
to say that a strut was broken.  
The damage was to the propeller  
and a leg of the under-carriage."

I pointed out to Miss Johnson  
that there was much concern in  
this country over the possibility of  
her adventure being continued.  
"Have you heard of the serious  
warnings of pilots of the Russian  
Air Force and the other experts  
about the danger of such a flight?"  
I asked.

"Oh yes," she replied, "I have  
been told by many people that the  
conditions are impossible for the  
present."

"Well, why not wait until the  
conditions are better?"

"I think I may have to wait. It  
is quite likely I may postpone it,  
but I have not yet decided definite-  
ly. I am going out to the aero-  
drome to see the machine when it  
arrives. The Polish Air Force has  
been awfully helpful."

"The risks pointed out to me  
have impressed me. The tempera-  
ture I will have to face may easily  
be 60deg. or 70deg. below zero  
and I have no electrically-heated  
clothing, of course?"

Ice on Wings Peril.

"You have to face the danger  
of ice forming on the wings and  
forcing you down?"

"Yes, and of the compass freez-  
ing."

"Yet you have not definitely de-  
cided to abandon the attempt?"

"No, not definitely."

"Would it not be wise to say  
right away that you will not go on,  
and to admit that the attempt  
would be reckless?"

"Oh, I do not intend to do any-  
thing that is merely reckless. I  
certainly intend to behave sensibly."

"You are not going to allow that  
Yorkshire grit of yours to develop  
into sheer unreasoning obstinacy  
and go ahead in spite of every-  
thing?"

Miss Johnson laughed. "There is  
not any fear of that." Then she  
added impulsively: "But I do hate  
to give up."

"People in this country will cer-  
tainly not think any the worse of  
you if you decide to abandon the  
attempt," I told her.

"I am glad to hear that," she  
said.

But although I pressed Miss  
Johnson for a definite decision, she  
would not go beyond the statement  
that for the present she was un-  
likely to continue.

Shortly afterwards I conveyed  
the news to Miss Johnson's father,  
Mr. H. Allen. He said:

"It just confirms my knowledge  
that Amy is very sensible, and that  
while she does not mind taking  
risks she is not going to be fool-  
hardy."

"That is just why we can sit  
here quietly in Hull and trust im-  
plicitly in her good judgment. If  
she thinks there is the slightest  
chance of getting through she will  
take it; if there is not she will  
take the right course."

"I have been approached by  
several people who wanted me to  
send a telegram to tell her to come  
home. I refused to do so. My  
daughter is 27, and she knows more  
about flying than we do. We give  
her credit for ability to do what  
she thinks is the best."

### Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of  
February 18, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/6 3/8.

News has come to hand this  
morning of the sudden death, from  
heart failure, of Sir Inspector  
James Henry Davies, the officer in  
charge of the Aberdeen district.

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# MISS BONDFIELD'S EXPERIENCES.

Basis of Views on Housework.

WHEN SHE WAS WORKLESS.

When Margaret Bondfield was appointed Minister of Labour people said that she had been given the most difficult job in the Cabinet, and there were many prophecies about the opposition she would meet with from all sides. But it was not then foreseen that she would bring such a storm about her head if, in her attempts to mitigate the severity of the problem of women's unemployment, she advised young women unable to find work in the textile trades to consider the chances in domestic employment. So greatly is this resented by certain members of her own party that they even make a grievance of the fact that, in common with some of her women colleagues, she is trying to improve the conditions of domestic service.

Those who know her are not surprised at her attitude. It is not a new one. Ever since the end of the war, when thousands of women lost their jobs and were seeking in vain for new ones, she has faced the fact that domestic work cannot be ignored, and she has actively promoted the training centres where girls hitherto unused to housework, have been intensively trained in the elements of the art.

The writer retains a very lively memory of an encounter with Miss Bondfield when this point was being discussed years ago. Knowing more about the unattractive side of a domestic worker's life than about the straits to which thousands of the unemployed women had been reduced, she expressed her surprise that Miss Bondfield, who was then working night and day on the problem, should direct any of them to this path. She has never forgotten the vehemence, almost amounting to ferocity, with which Miss Bondfield turned on her to say, "Haven't you a heart? Don't you understand what it means to these women to



"Did you bring the letters the defendant wrote to you?"  
"No, I lent them to a girl friend to use in her case."  
—Aussie, Sydney.

hunt week after week for work and never find a job?"

Personal Experiences.

Miss Bondfield herself knows better than any other Minister of Labour, or indeed any other Cabinet Minister, has ever had a chance to know what it means to an independent, self-respecting, and energetic woman to be out of work. I understood her impatience when she told me later of her own experiences as a girl during her first three months in London. She had been employed for several years in the drapery trade in Brighton when she decided to try her luck in London. She brought with her excellent references and hopeful letters of introduction, but there was a day when she walked up and down the length of Oxford Street, going into every shop on both sides of the street, to ask for work and finding none.

"That was the way one had to obtain work in those days when there were no labour exchanges," she said, "tramping the street, going into shops on purely speculative lines, or rushing off to some distant place where there was said to be a vacancy, only to find on arrival that one or two hundred other girls were after it too, and to learn presently that the place had been filled. The method of engaging us in those days was as bad as at the docks. Searching for work was a very bitter thing."

Ever since then, she said once, she had been working to get more freedom of choice for women than they had in her young days. She has always admitted that she would not, with wider choice, have chosen to be a shop assistant, and that, though she was interested in some aspects of the work, she loathed serving behind the counter. But most of the young people of her generation, she said, felt strongly that it was their duty to earn their own living and not be a burden on their parents. Any occupation that could be honourably pursued was to be preferred to that.

Organising Shop Assistants.

One of the points she made in the campaign to secure better conditions for shop assistants was that

# BREATHING SPACE.

FRENCH OPPOSITION TOO CONFIDENT.

M. HERRIOT'S INFLUENCE.

Paris, Dec. 19.  
Commenting on the Steeg Government's surprise victory in the Chamber, the Press attributes the result chiefly to the over-confidence of the Opposition which, as even the anti-Government papers candidly admit, over-reached itself, playing into M. Steeg's hands by alienating the sympathies of some of the middle groups through untimely manoeuvres. Another factor making for M. Steeg's initial success was, in the Press opinion, M. Herriot's forceful speech pleading for a domestic truce and rallying many wavering Deputies to the Government's support. However, it is generally admitted that the Government will have a hard row to hoe.

Move To Escape Difficulties.

Paris, Dec. 20.  
The Government's resolution sending the Chamber into vacation was first announced to have been passed by the narrow majority of one vote. It now turns out that the tellers made a mistake in adding the figures, the majority being really eleven. As the twelve members of the Chamber who are members of the Chamber did not vote as they had already left the House, the Government Press crows loudly that the Steeg Cabinet goes into vacation with a majority of about 23.

The recess will be used, among other things, to fill up the gaps in the Government caused by the desertion of several Ministers just before the recent crucial vote of confidence division.

The sudden adjournment of Parliament until January 19 amidst pandemonium on Friday night, has a loud echo in the Press, of which the Opposition papers insist that the adjournment is a distinctly high-handed action by the new Cabinet and prompted solely by the wish to escape difficulties. The pro-Government organs emphasise that the precedent for a premature adjournment was established by M. Tardieu this Summer. Moreover, it is declared that the adjournment demonstrates the new Premier's determination to exhaust all possible means to gain breathing space and prepare for handling the difficult situation next year.

# THE NEAR EAST.

GRECO-TURKISH TREATIES RATIFIED.

Athens, Dec. 22.  
Parliament ratified the Greco-Turkish Treaties of Friendship and Commerce and Naval Restriction, after an eloquent plea by M. Venizelos. The members of the Cabinet after the disposal of this important piece of work, handed in their resignations to the Premier in order to allow him to proceed unhindered to the reconstruction of the Cabinet. The Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Finance and Commerce will retain the same portfolios.

too often the girls living in were not protected. There was no comfort in those homes. The bedrooms or dormitories were insufficiently furnished, badly ventilated, and there were no baths. The working hours were longer than those of manual labourers, and the assistants had no legal right to a weekly half-holiday. They had few opportunities to make friends and were subjected to endless irritating restrictions and fines. They were lonely, though at the same time the complete lack of privacy was one of their tribulations. In fact the only important point in which they scored over domestic servants was that they did not have to work on Sunday. Margaret Bondfield earned so little that it was five years after she left home before she could afford to travel back to Somerset to see her mother.

No wonder that, with the experience she had gained in Brighton and in London shops, Miss Margaret Bondfield was enthusiastic when she heard about the Shop Assistants' Union, to which she was to devote her energies for many years. The work of organising shop assistants in those days, when there were no mammoth stores or multiple shops, but most of the assistants were scattered among little businesses was so extraordinarily difficult that people said it could not be done, just as they say now that it is impossible to organise domestic workers. But to-day the Shop Assistants' Union is an acknowledged power, and as for domestic workers, well people who know Margaret Bondfield will say that it she takes the matter in hand they will also find how to form themselves into protective organisations. —Manchester Guardian.

# ROUND THE CINEMAS

ANOTHER TRIUMPH FOR BESSIE LOVE.

"GOOD NEWS."

There are no tears to be shed for Bessie Love in "Good News," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's triumph of musical comedy transition, which is showing in the Queen's Theatre. As far as can be remembered, Bessie has always had to cry in her pictures. But here she is, gay and exuberant as a grasshopper—and just as lively. You'll laugh just as hard as you have cried with her for she is a cute little clown with a bag of tricks all her own.

The pictureisation of the famous musical success walks right away from the original stage production. It is screened upon a lavish scale with a cast that would have a Broadway producer breathless. With Bessie heading the cast, there are featured such players as Stanley Smith, Mary Lawlor, Gus Sny, Lola Lane, Dorothy McNulty, Billy Taft, Cliff Edwards, Frank McGlynn, and Tom Jackson.

Miss Lawlor, it may be recalled, was the ingenue lead on the stage, and she repeats this performance with charm and voice on the screen. Sky, who created the comedy lead on Broadway, does it all over again in the filmisation with Miss Love as his partner. And what a team! Dorothy McNulty and Taft, who brought the "Varsity Drag" to public notice, put some new capers into it for the movie folk.

From its very opening reel in which the entire student body is seen prancing in the college gymnasium, the picture is characterised by fast action and youth buoyancy. There is not a lagging moment and every scene has its comedy, one particular "gag" bringing roars from the audience.

Edgar MacGregor, the original stage producer, and Nick Grinde did an excellent job of the direction, revealing a few new slants on camera ingenuity and mass action.

# "WAY OUT WEST."

Learning to operate a "crooked" roulette wheel is one of the most difficult arts in the world, according to William Haines, who took lessons in this form of legerdemain for four days to qualify for his opening scene in "Way Out West," his new talking comedy commencing to-morrow in the Queen's Theatre.

Haines first appears in the new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture as a roulette grafter in a travelling carnival. He has to make the boys lose and win at will by manipulating the wheel just as professional gambling swindlers do. "Like any other form of sleight of hand," stated the star recently, "the trick is extremely difficult to learn. One has to practise it for hours until one suddenly acquires the knack."

An actual roulette wheel, "fixed" was borrowed for the picture from the evidence room of the Culver City Police, who had captured it in a raid. Haines was instructed in its tricks by a former gambler.

The new picture is a comedy drama of the modern West, with Haines as a carnival swindler who turns cowboy. Lella Hyams plays the principal feminine role, and Polly Moran, Cliff Edwards, Francis X. Bushman, Jun., Buddy Roosevelt, and Vera Marsh are in the cast. It is Fred Niblo's first comedy production in seven years.

# MR. BALDWIN'S THREE STAGES.

Breakfast Cheer: Dinner Doldrums.

Mr. Baldwin, who is Lord Rector of Glasgow University, had breakfast with members of the University Union, whose new £70,000 building he afterwards opened.

Like Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Baldwin feels at his best at breakfast. "Whatever the cares of the day, I always enjoy my breakfast," he told the students after the meal.

"I come down to it every morning full of fresh hope, fresh faith and cheer. By lunch-time I have lost a great deal of it, and by evening I have very nearly given up all hope of this world or the next." (Laughter.)

He had no sympathy for, and never wanted to meet, those people who did not wake till 11, did not begin to take notice until lunch, were at their brightest at dinner, and never wanted to go to bed.

# SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel, 4.30 p.m.  
To-day—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8 p.m.

To-day—Chinese New Year Tea Party, Chinese Chamber of Commerce, 3 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre, "Good News."  
To-day—Central Theatre, "Big Pond."  
To-day—Majestic Theatre, "Paris."

To-day—Star Theatre, "Eagle of the Sea."  
To-day—World Theatre, "The Fortune-teller's Daughter," (Chinese picture).

To-morrow—Concert, Helena May Institute.

Home Mails.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Peleus); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Talyo Maru), 8.30 a.m.

Sports.

See Diary on page 9.

Meeting.

March 5—Annual meeting of H.K. Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., Queen's Building, 11 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-night—H.M.S. Cumberland, Chief Petty Officer's Dance in R. E. Theatre.

# TONG SECRETS TO BE REVEALED.

Promise Saves Murderer from the Chair.

New York, Jan. 6.  
Thomas Wong, who is half Chinese and half Caucasian, today escaped the electric chair by giving a promise to reveal the innermost secrets of the Tong or Chinese secret societies as they exist in the United States.

Wong traded his promise after he had been sentenced to death for murder. A member of the On Leong Tong, Wong was convicted of the murder of a member of the Hup Sing Tong.

Police in many American cities, such as San Francisco, Boston, Chicago and New York, for many years have been troubled from time to time by the bitter and sometimes bloody warfare which breaks out between rival tongs. Peace pact after peace pact has been signed by the tong leaders only to be broken when the rivalry grows too intense.

From Wong the police hope to obtain information which will make it easier for them to deal with the tongs and to prevent shootings and stabbings by rival tong members.

# ANOTHER PORTFOLIO.

Chiang Kai-Shek Takes Up Education Ministry.

Nanking, Jan. 7.  
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek visited the official quarters of the Ministry of Education this morning formally to take up the duties of Acting Minister of Education.

# WINTER COLDS IN CHILDREN.

"Why does my child catch so many colds?" is a question which many a worried mother asks herself during the winter months. She keeps him well wrapped up in woollens, feeds him well and watches him carefully. Yet cold after cold comes along and she dreads each time that it might turn to something worse. Yet by far the majority of children's colds are preventable.

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# AIR MAILS.

ESTABLISHMENT OF NIGHT SERVICES URGED.

London, Dec. 17.  
A deputation of the London Chamber of Commerce visited the Postmaster General to-day to discuss the development of the air mail and especially urged the necessity of night air mail service. Sir Robert McLean referred to the low average speed of the Indian air mail machines and said that it was due to passengers as well as mails being carried, as passengers were not yet able to travel by air at rights. He said that the Chamber believed that if steps were taken to organise a section of the route to India for night flying in both directions a three and-a-half days' schedule to Calcutta would be possible.

Sir Robert McLean also alluded to the delay in completing the air route across India and beyond and urged Mr. Lees Smith to draw the attention of the Government of India to the importance of agreement in that regard.

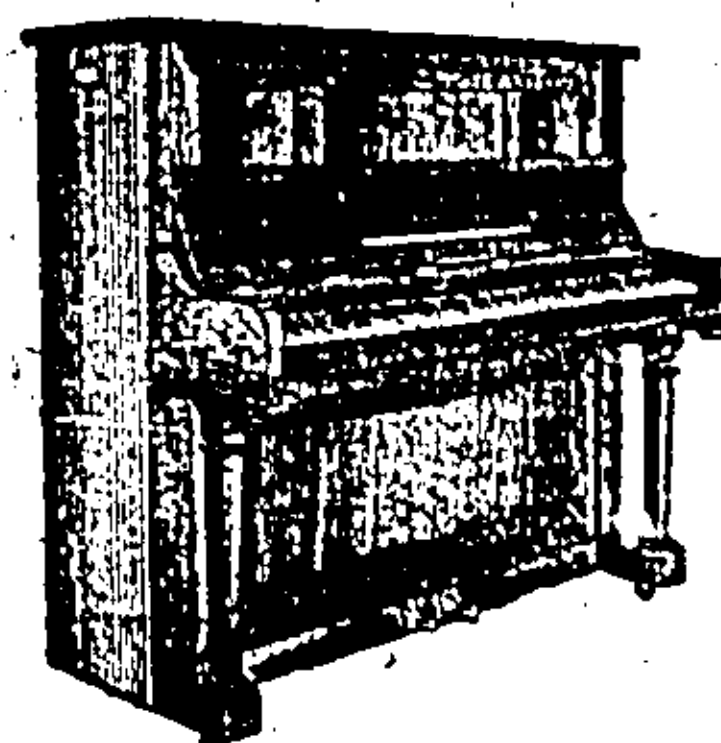
Mr. Lees Smith in reply said that a reply was awaited from India to the suggestion to waive the rule against sending insufficiently prepaid letters by air. He emphasised that extensions of air services across India was solely for the Government of India to decide. The question of a faster service to India was primarily for the Air Council, but as far as the Post Office was concerned reliability was much more important than speed.

# LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.	
Paris	123.92 1/2
New York	4.85 21/32
Brussels	34.87 1/2
Geneva	25.17
Amsterdam	12.10 1/2
Milan	92.80 1/2
Berlin	20.44
Stockholm	18.15
Copenhagen	18.16 1/2
Oslo	18.16 1/2
Vienna	34.57 1/2
Prague	164 1/2
Helsinki	193 1/2
Madrid	48.9
Lisbon	108.25
Athens	375
Bucharest	817
Rio	4 9/32
Buenos Aires	85 7/16
Montevideo	33 1/2
Bombay	1 1/2 3/4
Shanghai	1/4 1/4
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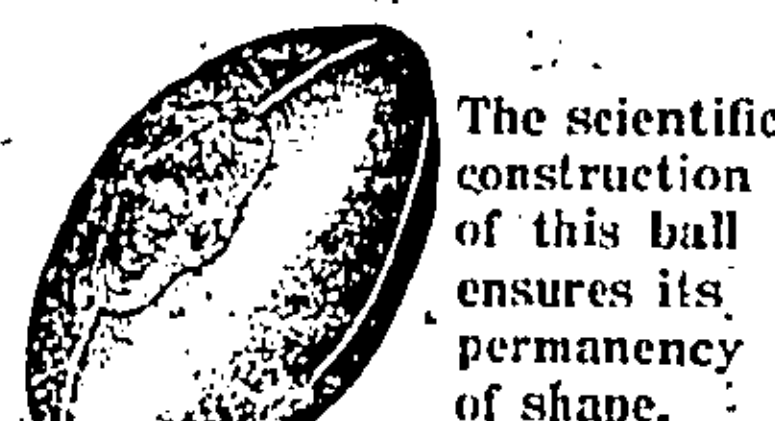


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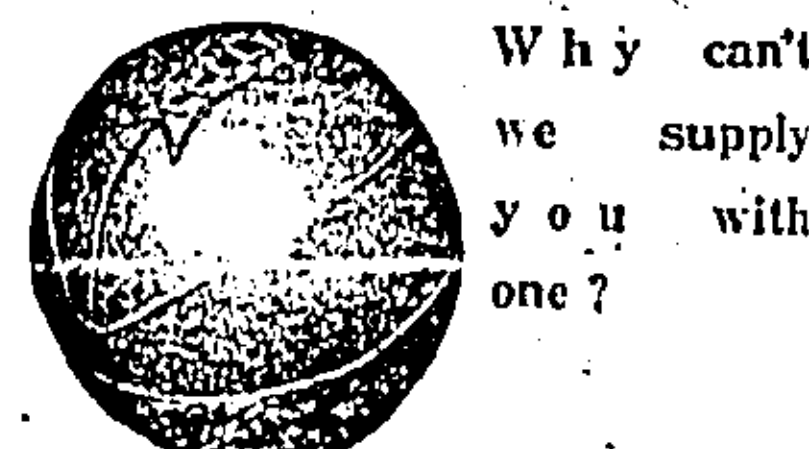


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## WILL HONG KONG BEAT SHANGHAI IN TO-DAY'S ASSOCIATION GAME?

FORMIDABLE SIDE FROM THE NORTH.

### COLONY'S TALENT AT FORWARD UP AGAINST A SOLID DEFENCE

HONG KONG MUST ACCOMPLISH "DOUBLE."

[By "Spot Kick"]

## THE HONG KONG ELEVEN.

Clarke, of the Police, has been playing so well in goal this season that after the earlier trials his place in the representative side was assured. His anticipation and coolness has earned him much praise from the local football enthusiasts, whilst his clearances whether by kicking or throwing the ball, are generally sent with accuracy to his half backs. Of his previous appearances for Hong Kong, three have been in the winning team. He is seldom beaten by a shot of any length, but his immense size appears to hinder his speed in gathering a shot at short range. I think that the Selection Committee made a wise decision in entrusting Clarke with the captaincy of the team as no other player on the field has such a splendid advantage of seeing the run of the play.

Strange, of the Club, fills the right back position for the first time in an Interport side. Although he was not regarded favourably in the opening trials, the failure of the man selected for the trial to turn up has enabled Strange to play, and he has shown the selectors that he is not a player to be trifled with. He will never admit defeat by a forward, always recovering sufficiently to harass a player when centring or shooting. His understanding with his half back can, however, be improved.

An Initial Appearance. Although his appearances in the Trial matches have been few, Li Ting-sang, the South China full-back, earned recognition as an Interport player by his steady play and coolness in difficult situations when playing for his Club and in earlier representative matches. His positioning is splendid, but he is apt to become rather boisterous when under pressure. He makes his initial appearance for Hong Kong.

In Hedley, the vice-captain, we have perhaps the best player in the defence. He attends his wingman, like a leech and Graham should find him a difficult obstacle to surmount, particularly if he beats Hedley in speed, for with the Kowloon man in attendance the average winger either runs the ball out of play or passes weakly into the centre, where Strange knows what to do. Hedley's ground passes, to his wingman nearly always result in a dangerous movement by the forwards. He played in Shanghai last season for the Colony.

Lam Yuk-ying, the Athletic pivot, is called upon to play in that position for the Colony. His place in the team was not definite until the final trial, as he was a contender for the left half position with Yeoman of the Argylls. However, through Eynon, the original centre half, being injured, both are included in the team as half backs. Lam never appears to show up so well in the centre as when playing as a wing half, probably due to his slight build, but he knows enough about the game to keep the erratic in check. Though Yeoman is not a player of exceptionally good class, he is one of the neatest footballers in the Colony. His consistency in the Battalion team brought him before the eyes of the selectors. He can just as easily start a good movement as break one up, and should make a very satisfactory debut.

Second Time Running. Without a doubt there is only one man to fill the outside right position, and B. Gosano gets his place for the second season in succession. He is exceptionally fast and tricky and his understanding with his brother, A. V. is the main cause for his success on the wing. His passes to the centre from almost on the goal line is a feature of his play. Perhaps his only fault is that he will not shoot, unless he has an open goal in front of him.

In Segalen at inside right, we have the most inconsistent member of the team. His performances in the Trial matches were not all that could be desired, but when on form, he is the most dangerous man in the front line, being able to bore his way through any defence and send in a shot which leaves even the best of goalkeepers astounded. Another fault of his is that he does not appear to have mastered the new offside rule, with the result that many good openings are spoiled by him.

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THE VISITORS START  
EARLY TRAINING.

Impressive Display  
at the Valley.

## CASH'S KEENNESS.

The Shanghai Interport representatives were out on the Club Ground on Monday afternoon doing a little work. Among the interested spectators were to be seen Clarke, Hong Kong's captain, H. S. Strange and A. V. Gosano. They all looked decidedly fit and took their practice seriously, paying great attention to Stanley Cash's directions. Commencing with "kicking in" just to loosen up and to accustom themselves to the feel of the ball, they went on to play a strenuous ten minutes each way with seven and eight aside respectively. Attackers and defenders were as evenly proportioned as possible, and they made it snappy—Cash's injunction. After this they kept Chow busy for

The Hong Kong eleven as selected is as follows:—

Clarke (captain);

Strange;

Li Ting-sang;

Hedley;

Lam Yuk-ying;

Yeoman;

B. Gosano;

Segalen;

A. V. Gosano;

Fung King-cheung;

Jo Pak-wah.

Past results from 1924 to 1930, inclusive, are as follows:—

1924. At Shanghai:—Shanghai 3, Hong Kong 3. Replay:—Shanghai 1, Hong Kong 0.  
1925. At Hong Kong:—Hong Kong 3, Shanghai 1.  
1926. At Shanghai:—Shanghai 5, Hong Kong 4.  
1927. At Hong Kong:—Hong Kong 4, Shanghai 0.  
1928. At Shanghai:—Shanghai 7, Hong Kong 0.  
1929. At Hong Kong:—Hong Kong 3, Shanghai 0.  
1930. At Shanghai:—Shanghai 5, Hong Kong 2.

The Shanghai eleven will probably be composed of the following:—

Chow;

Munroe;

Martin;

Pote Hunt;

Cash (captain);

Costa;

Elliott;

Stclair;

Collaco;

Wainmore;

Graham.

a spell, testing him with penalty shots and at close range. He is very good. Nothing was too difficult for him to attempt, and considering the shortness of the range and the power put into the shooting, he let surprisingly few past him. Corner kicking for Elliott and Graham and a sharp double twice around the ground for all concluded the afternoon's work.

From the foregoing it will be readily recognised by those who know anything of these players or have seen them in action that they are no mean opponents. Their strength lies chiefly in their defence, particularly in the half back line. Their forwards are good and should Collaco chance to be on form, will constantly demand attention. Our own eleven are also well served in the defence. Strange and Li Ting-sang are a great pair. Strange has improved greatly, and his form in the trial games has been very convincing. Our halves are a trifle on the light side but are very nippy and fast. But it is in our attack that we pin our faith. A. V. Gosano is a leader of exceptional quality. He is forceful and swift, with a tremendous shot in either foot from every conceivable angle. The whole five of the front line with, perhaps, the exception of B. Gosano, are good marksmen. He should try more shooting, for he possesses a good drive and is accurate. Taking things all round the position assumes a rosy hue for Hong Kong. It will be a hard fought and evenly contested game, full of interest and battles between individuals. Hedley and Graham, Cash and Gosano, Costa and his opposing wing, but I feel the final whistle will see Hong Kong the winners.

## THE SHANGHAI ELEVEN.

This year's Association Interport should prove to be the most evenly contested of the series for many years. A glance at past results since 1924 reveals that the visiting port has never succeeded in winning on foreign soil. Hong Kong, in 1924, held Shanghai to a draw, three all, but lost the replay by the only goal scored. Again in 1926 Hong Kong went very close, losing by the odd goal in five. Therefore, if only living up to tradition, we should win this afternoon.

Shanghai devotees of Soccer are fairly confident that their selected eleven will return with the local flag. They have clever, heavy, and determined team, which is exceptionally strong in defence, but Hong Kong's forward line is one of tremendous possibilities and is perhaps the best one fielded for many years. It will undoubtedly be a very fine duel between an excellent attack and a defence with a great reputation.

We were unfortunate in losing the services of Eynon of the South Wales Borderers who sustained an injury in a regimental match prior to the last trial game. He would have been a tower of strength at centre half. Lam Yuk-ying is a trifle on the small side for that exacting position, but his clever constructive and destructive play and tireless energy will make up for his lack of inches. Our defence is strong and, coupled with our fast and sharp shooting forwards, should prove equal to the task of disposing of the Northern eleven.

Chow, the goalkeeper, has figured in Interport matches before and has proved his capabilities. His powers of anticipation and uncanny "gathering" are excellent. He is one of the two remaining original Lo Wha team players. Lo Wha are not the force they used to be, in fact, they have lost eleven of their last dozen engagements, but the fault has not been Chow's.

An Amateur Cap. Of the two backs Monroe is the "brainy" player. He has a sound understanding of the methods adopted by first-class backs. Practically a newcomer to Shanghai football, he played his first game for the Shanghai Football Club at the latter end of last season. He has played for Scotland in an Amateur International match, and his form this season has been consistently good.

Martin of the Green Howards, has been outstanding in his regimental team this season. He is really a half back, but has shown up so remarkably well at left full back in all the Interport trials that the selectors had no choice but to give him that position.

Pote Hunt has played Interport football for three years and has made a decided name for himself as a really clever and much above the average footballer. He has been filling the inside right position for the Shanghai Football Club this season, and very effectively too, but it is at half back that he is seen to his advantage. He is considered, with Costa, to be the finest half-back in Shanghai.

Cash, at centre half, is a thoroughly seasoned and experienced player. He played in Interport soccer in 1926, 1927 and 1929. His past experiences will stand him in good stead in his position as captain of the visiting side.

The Prettiest Player. The left half position falls to Costa, another old Interporter, and the prettiest player in all Shanghai to watch. Opinions differ as to whether he should not have had the pivotal position, as he is much more used to that position. He may, however, change his position during the course of the match, and if so, he will considerably strengthen their already formidable defence.

Elliott has been awarded his first Interport honours. He has, on and off, served the Shanghai Football Club well for the past few years, and this is his first appearance in a representative game. Although a trifle awkward he is fast and possesses a powerful drive and centres well.

A Familiar Name. Sinclair's name is familiar as an old Interport player, he played in 1929 and 1930, obtaining

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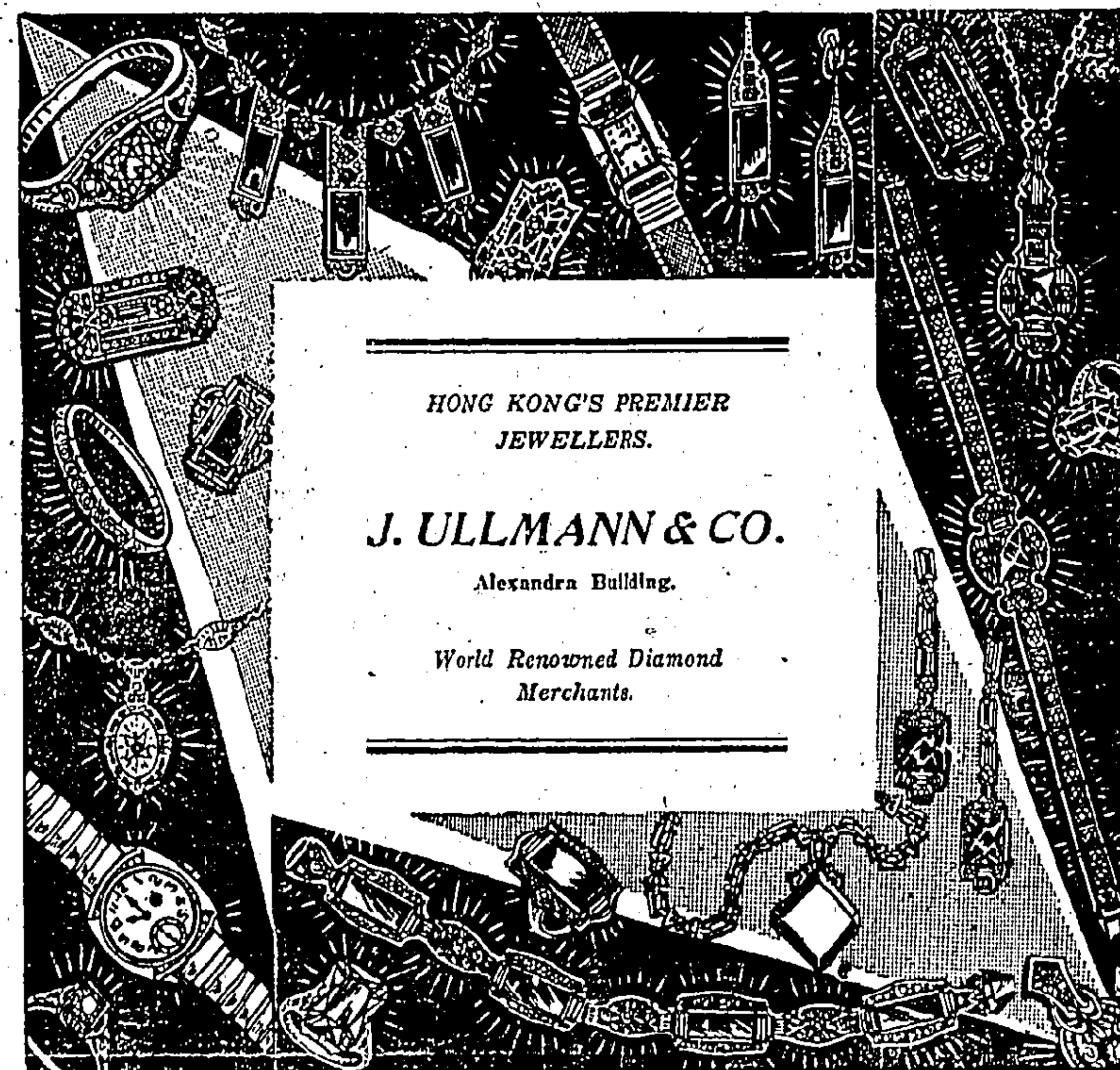


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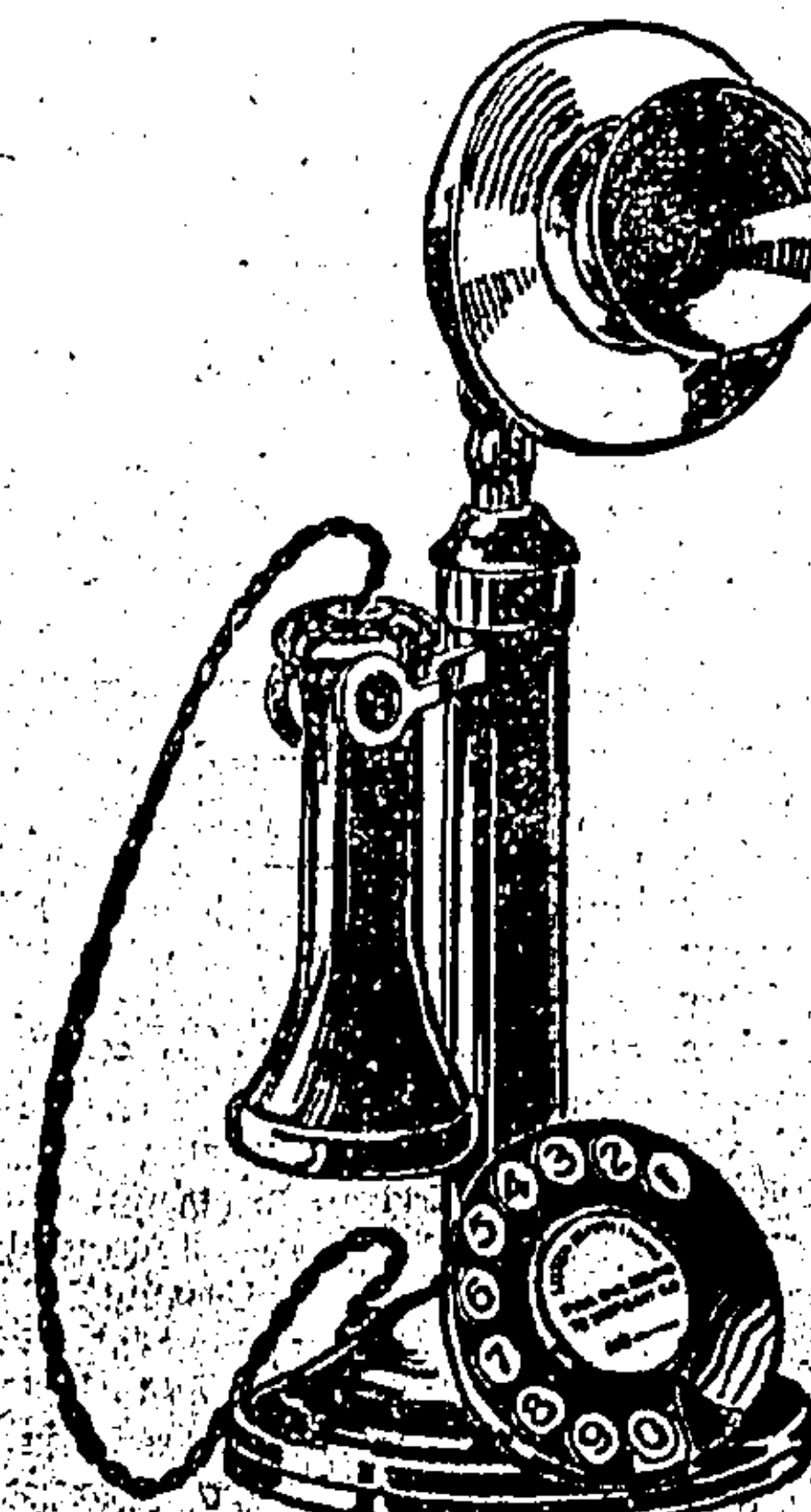
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### SHANGHAI ELEVEN.

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Three goals in the most recent game in Shanghai. A scheming forward with a hard shot. The leader, Colaco, plays well and at other times not so well. If he plays well—well, he will be a source of constant danger and trouble to our defence. He is possessed of any amount of dash, and has a lightning shot in either foot. Widmore, of the Green Howards, has been doing great things for his Battalion's side. He is a forceful inside man, and with his military partner in support on the wing, should prove effective. Graham, also of the Green Howards, is very fast and very accurate with his centres.

The remaining four, standing by as reserves, are Vance, Turner, Murphy and Gutterez. Vance belongs to the R.A.S.C., and as they are in the junior division in Shanghai, has not had too many opportunities of displaying his wares. He has figured in many important matches when at Home, in Ireland. Turner, Interport player in 1924, '25, '29 and '30, is well known. An extremely hard worker and capable of filling any berth going vacant, left or right. Murphy, Green Howards, is a pretty and clever footballer and equal to any task imposed upon him. Gutterez, although past his hey-day in Soccer, is still useful and fast.

### YACHTING.

#### THE LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.

The results of the Ladies' Eighth Championship Race of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, sailed on Monday over a course of 7.7 miles, extending from Lyemun Beacon to Channel Rocks, were as follows:—

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[Started at 3 p.m.]	
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Rolla (5)	4.59.18 4.54.49
La Linda (3)	4.58.35 4.51.27
Dorothea (2)	4.54.56 4.40.36

"I", "J" and "G" Classes.	
[Started at 3.05 p.m.]	
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	TIMES
Wings (5)	5.10.27 5.14.32
Bluejacket (2)	5.07.47 5.05.52
Boojum (3)	5.09.30 5.07.35
Speedwell (1)	5.07.34 5.05.39
Daphne (4)	5.11.56 5.11.59

### HONG KONG ELEVEN.

(Continued from page 8.)

A. V. Gosano at centre forward in always a menace to any defence. He can shoot with marvellous accuracy from all angles and positions when least expected to do so, thus providing himself the finest opportunity in the Colony. He has a great advantage in being tall and is able to use his head with much success, especially in dealing with high passes. He is untiring and will often be seen helping out the defence during a dangerous period for his team. An ankle injury earlier in the season kept him out of football for a number of weeks, but, happily he is quite fit now, as his place would be hard to fill. He is making his sixth consecutive appearance for the Colony.

**Brilliant Left Wing.**  
On the left wing we have a brilliant pair in Fung King-cheung and Ip Pakwa of South China. Fung is decidedly the better of the two, being able to fill almost any position in the forward line. Hardly a goal is scored by his team without him having a "finger in the pie." His shooting is always on the target and he passes accurately, with the result that he and Gosano appear to be able to run through an opposing defence at will. In spite of his small stature his stamina is so excellent that he is able to position himself under any circumstances. He appeared for Hong Kong in 1929 and, with many years of football ahead of him, he should make full use of all these early opportunities.

Like his Club mate Fung, Ip Pakwa is only just commencing his career as a footballer. His partnership with Fung is the primary cause of his gaining his first Interport honours. The understanding of the pair is perfect, and a pass from the inside man will always find Ip ready to tear down the line and put across one of his well placed centres. He will take a lot of catching up once he has got past the Shanghai half back.

### HOLE IN ONE.

#### OFFICER'S FEAT AT HAPPY VALLEY.

Whilst playing with Mr. J. Walker at the Happy Valley golf course on Friday, Mr. W. J. G. Jenkins, of H.M.S. Medway, did the fifth hole, a distance of 185 yards from the tee, in one stroke.

## UNITED SERVICES GREAT TRIUMPH OVER SHANGHAI FIFTEEN

HEAVIER PACK FAILS IN LOOSE.

## NORTHERNERS LOSE AFTER SCORING AN EARLY TRY

GAME SPOILED BY MANY INFRINGEMENTS.

(By "Scrum Half")

The United Services sprang a surprise yesterday afternoon when they defeated the Shanghai fifteen by a goal and four tries (17 points) to a goal and two tries (11 points) in a game which was well below the Interport standard.

Shanghai made one change in the side which went down before Hong Kong's fifteen, Waites coming into the three-quarter line in the place of Jenkins. The Services made one alteration in their side, Charley taking the place of Walker at the base of the scrum.

The game was very open up to half time, either side looked like winning, but in the second half the sterling display of the Services' forwards in the loose established a definite superiority, and allowed the three-quarters to be within striking distance of the line for the major part of the half.

### SHAW'S BRILLIANT DISPLAY

As against Hong Kong, the Shanghai forwards were largely to blame for their defeat by the United Services yesterday. They were the heavier pack and used their weight to advantage in the tight scrums, but in the loose they were completely outplayed by a pack of forwards with more than average weight and speed. In the line outs Shanghai had the advantage of height and as a result had more than their share in this important factor.

#### Austin's Hooking.

In the early tight scrums the Shanghai forwards were gaining possession and allowing Neil to feed his three-quarters. Austin is to be congratulated on his early success, and his hooking throughout the game. The Shanghai forwards were not as prone to break quickly as they were against Hong Kong and that extra amount of shove meant a great deal to Austin in his capacity as hooker. Several times the Services' forwards were penalised for offside play as the result of a tight scrum. This was due to the holding up of the ball in the second row. Johnston and Enger seemed to be impeding the progress of the ball after it had been successfully heeled by Austin. Consequently what might have resulted in a dangerous movement, if the ball had come out quicker, was either spoilt by offside play or by the opposing three-quarters being well up on their men so as to prevent ground being gained.

#### Back Row Weakness.

I should not like anyone to be under the impression that the visitors had it all their own way in the tight scrums. They did not. Tratt was doing his utmost and several times sent the ball back at lightning like speed only to see the back row gain possession and then wheel. This they did repeatedly instead of giving Charley his opportunity. The back row were incidentally very slack in shoving their weight in the tight scrums. They were not careful enough to see that the pack was bound properly, and it may have been due to this that they found themselves the lighter eight.

#### Hubback's Great Game.

In the loose the Services were really splendid. Hubback was undoubtedly the best forward on the field. He was magnificent in the role of marauding forward and caused the Shanghai defence many anxious moments. One dribble must have gained twenty yards before he was tackled when not in possession. He injured his arm late in the second half but after attention was able to return. Nicholson, Vowles, Tratt, and Deykin relieved the line on more than one occasion with splendid dribbles and were always on the ball.

#### That Groping for the Ball!

Sim brought off some very good tackles in awkward situations and his dribbling was excellent. Vowles was very good in the loose and was always well up with the ball. Although he scored one nice try through good backing up, I cannot forgive him for groping for

the ball in the second half when a try would have been certain had he carried on a magnificent dribble. Too many tries have been thrown away in this manner that I wonder forwards do not keep the ball at their feet and await the favourable bounce rather than stoop, waste time, and probably knock on.

#### Silby the Opportunist.

In the Shanghai pack Silby and Carter were prominent in the loose. The Shanghai captain paved the way for Wales' try and gave him a perfect pass to get over for a converted try. He tried everything possible to rally his forwards in the loose but found them too slow to prove really dangerous. Their chief asset was their spoiling tactics. Time and again they were the cause of breaking up a promising movement. Carter was very good in defensive work and was the saviour of his line by virtue of his fine dribbling powers. Browning caught the eye in the line outs. His height lent him invaluable aid in the transferring of the ball to his scrum-half. He was also very persevering in the loose.

#### Roberts-Wales Duel.

The half back duel was not so one sided as one might have expected. Neither scrum-half really troubled each other to any great extent, but the fortunes of the game hinged on the contest between Roberts and Wales. Contrary to all expectations Roberts came off best. He hung on to Wales throughout the game and managed to evade his attentions on sufficient occasions to give his three-quarters good openings. He was relentless in his tackling of Wales and allowed him very little rope indeed. His one fault was his slowness in passing. He looked as if he were trying to sell the dummy on every occasion and though he did get away with it once, it proved a handicap on the whole.

#### Taylor's Bright Play.

The three-quarters all held their men, Glass being especially safe on the wing. He brought Waites down every time he gained the ball. Taylor managed to elude Galletley to make spectacular runs and touch downs. He is undeniably a three-quarter of merit. In the Services three-quarter line, Evans in the centre was very useful in defence and once or twice he made brilliant cut throughs. He is a player possessing great initiative. I was not so impressed by Galletley's play in the centre. He is a wing three-quarter, and in yesterday's game this began to tell. He was very selfish, trying to pierce the defence on his own time and again. Douglas on the wing was excellent in defence and intercepted two passes to give him two tries after good runs.

#### Shanghai Three-quarters.

Waites did not shape too well, and the Shanghai selectors were well-advised to play Jenkins in the Interport game. He lacked initiative and was too fond of gathering the ball under his right arm from a pass. Payne on the other wing was not so impressive

as on Saturday, but that was due to his not seeing much of the ball. Chester Master in the centre was excellent, as was Taylor. Both were looking for the right opening and both took their opportunities and placed them to the best possible advantage. It was indeed a misfortune that this pair should have been over-run by the forwards in the loose. They are obviously capable of big things.

#### Shaw at Full Back.

At full back Shaw performed great feats in defence and was very safe with his handling. What I liked about him was his backing up of the three-quarters. He was always within a few yards of them instead of lying well back in the rear. Once he nearly got through as a result of his combination with the three-quarters. He is a magnificent young player with a cool head and large possibilities. Frankham played his usual steady game and was excellent in defence, but did not offer his services to a three-quarter line which would have welcomed any addition to their strength. His kicking was sounder than Shaw's and his handling was clean, but his defensive work was not in the same street as that of Shaw.

#### Summary of Game.

The Services kicked off towards the Club-house line and their forwards were soon evident. Shaw, however, relieved with a good kick, but Nicholson came back again at the head of a good forward rush. Play then was transferred by a good relieving kick by Wales, and the Services found themselves in their own twenty-five. A five yard scrum saw the ball whipped out to Taylor who went over in the far corner for an unconverted try. It was a very good effort and caught the defence powerless to stop it. The Services came back well but Shaw was always in the right position to break up the attack. Continuous pressing, however, resulted in Hubback breaking through to give Glass an easy unconverted try. Almost from the kick off Shanghai went through for Taylor to score near the touch flag. With a lead of three points the Northernners were hard pressed by the Services forwards and after Evans had been tackled a yard from the line Tratt got over for an unconverted try. At half time it was either side's game with the score standing at six points all.

#### Intercepted Passes.

Not long after the resumption Douglas intercepted a pass to Wales and just beat Payne to the touch line after a run of thirty yards. Shanghai came back splendidly and Browning nearly got over from a line out two yards from the line. The Services' forwards, however, relieved and took the ball into the Shanghai twenty-five, and from a loose scrum, Galletley received and went over in the far corner. The visitors were by no means exhausted and a nice movement culminated in Silby sending Waites over for a try which he himself converted. With only one point separating the two sides, play became fast and furious.

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SHANGHAI v. UNITED SERVICES.

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One bad mistake was made when Waites in attempting to clear his line gave a short punt ahead to Glass, who had plenty of time to make the "mark," but he allowed a good opportunity to go past him. With the game still very open Douglas put the issue beyond doubt when he intercepted another pass and went over near the flag for Tratt to convert with an excellent kick. The game was spoilt by too many infringements and obstructive play, but it did not lack incident, and the counter attacks of both sides were both exciting and thrilling.

**Result:—**  
Shanghai ..... 11 points  
United Services ..... 17 points  
The teams lined up as follows:  
United Services:—Pte. Frankham (S.W.B.); Lt. Glass (H.M.S. Medway); Lt. Comdr. Evans (H.M.S. Kent); Lt. Galletley (S.W.B.); Mid. Roberts (H.M.S. Cumberland); Charley (S.W.B.); Sgt. Tratt (S.W.B.); P/O Beamish (H.M.S. Hermes); Lt. Comdr. Sim (H.M.S. Sterling); Sgt. Vowles (S.W.B.); Lt. Hubback (H.M.S. Hermes); A.B. Deykin (H.M.S. Petersfield); and E.A. Wilkinson (H.M.S. Medway).  
Shanghai:—R. J. Shaw; G. W. S. Waites; J. P. Chester Master; J. C. T. Taylor; L. F. Payne; C. D. Wales; W. D. Neil; R. D. K. Silby (Captain); C. Austin; H. M. Howell; G. A. Johnston; G. T. Enger; H. A. Browning; H. W. Carter; and Y. Sugihara.

## PRIMO CARNERA'S NEW SPHERE.

Wishes to Wrestle with  
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### NEW DANGER AHEAD.

New York, Jan. 28.  
Will wrestling out boxing is a question which arises out of the New York negotiations which are progressing for Carnera, who has a reputation as a wrestler, to meet the world's wrestling champion, Jim London, for the title in the Summer.

Boxing promoters are troubled by decreasing revenue from boxing, whereas wrestling is attracting large crowds. About 25,000 spectators, including Carnera, watched the match in

## Our Sports Diary.

### LOCAL.

**GOLF**—To-day—R.H.K.C.C. Chinese New Year Meeting; Borey Pool, Kowloon G.C. Friday—Ladies' Championship (Third Round), Fanling. March 24—Ladies' Section—Prize Giving, Fanling.  
**FOOTBALL**—To-day—Hong Kong v. Shanghai, 3.30 p.m.; Saturday—Chinese v. Shanghai, 3.30 p.m.; Interport Dinner, Peninsula Hotel; Second Division Club de Relevo v. Club Navy v. Chinese Athletic; Royal Artillery v. St. Joseph's; University v. Borden; Eastern v. Argyle; South China A.A. v. Kowloon F.C.

February 23—United Services v. Shanghai.  
**CRICKET**—To-day—H.K.C.C. v. United Services, 11 a.m. Saturday—Division I.—Kowloon C.C. v. Craginower C.C. (L.); Hong Kong C.C. v. Navy (L.); Civil Service C.C. v. University (F.); Division II.—Craginower C.C. v. Kowloon C.C. (L.); Civil Service C.C. v. Police R.C. (L.); University v. Royal Engineers (L.); Royal Signals v. Hong Kong C.C. (F.).

**FENCING**—Monday—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 6.15 p.m.  
**RACING**—Sunday—Argylls and Sutherland Highlanders' Gymkhana, Kwant. February 29, 1.30 p.m.; March 2, 4, and 7, 1.30 a.m.—Annual Race Meetings, Happy Valley. March 22—Fanling Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting. **CHESS**—Friday—Kowloon Chess Club Championship. **HOCKEY**—Saturday—Gaer Clark Cup—Kowloon Ladies v. St. Andrew's; Club de Relevo v. Diocesan Girls' School. **HUNTING**—Saturday—Fanling Hunt Hounds Meet (Kennels), 3.15 p.m. **ATHLETICS**—March 15 and 16—Hong Kong v. Canton Universities.

### HOME.

**FOOTBALL**—Saturday—Ireland v. Scotland. February 28—English Cup—Sixth Round. **RUGBY FOOTBALL**—February 22—Ireland v. Scotland; Dublin; Wales v. France; Swansea.

which London successfully defended his title against Jim McMillan. Carnera appeared very interested in the match, and when questioned by the promoter said he was ready to meet London.

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"BEYOND MINISTER'S  
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Rule Nisi Against  
Miss Bondfield.

A King's Bench Divisional Court, consisting of Justices Avey, Swift, and Charles, recently granted an ex parte application made on behalf of Mr. John Hall Barron, secretary of the National Trade Defence Association, for a rule nisi for a writ of prohibition against the Minister of Labour (Miss Bondfield) to show cause why she should not be prohibited from making an Order setting up Trade Boards for the whole of the catering trade.

Sir Reginald Mitchell Banks, K.C., who made the application, said that the writ of prohibition was sought in regard to an Order which the Minister of Labour might make under the Trade Board Acts, 1909 and 1918. In an affidavit Mr. Barron stated that the Association was formed to protect the retail and wholesale trade in intoxicating liquor. The Association and other bodies supporting the application represented substantially the whole of the licensed trade in England and Wales. The Minister of Labour had given notice that she intended to make an Order applying the Trade Board Acts to the catering trade.

In accordance with the provisions as to procedure, the Minister directed an inquiry, under Sir Arthur Colefax, into the objections which were made to the proposed Order of which she had given notice. At this inquiry 68 notices of objection were considered. Sir Arthur Colefax was invited to report that the Minister had no power to make an Order in the proposed form, or at all. Under the Act of 1918 the Minister, immediately on receipt of the report, would be able to make a special Order in the form objected to, however invalidly it were made, and it might have as much effect as though it were enacted in the Act.

"In my submission," stated Mr. Barron's affidavit, "it is beyond the powers of the Minister to make such a special Order."

The only power of the Minister was to make a special Order applying the Act to a specified trade, and under the draft Order she proposed to apply it to what she called the catering trade. But there was uncertainty in the definition in the draft Order, because the Minister attempted to include trades of a widely divergent character, ranging from the licensed trade to the fried fish, ice cream and canteen trades.

It was an attempt to group those trades in one, which, said Sir Reginald, was beyond the Minister's power. It would have the effect of penalising a trade in which the wages and conditions of labour were wholly satisfactory. In the

'CRY-BABY' BANDITS.  
MURDERERS MEET DEATH WITH  
A SMILE.

Sing Sing (New York)  
Dec. 13.

The three "cry-baby" bandits—James R. Butler, aged twenty; James Bolger, aged nineteen; and Italo Fernandi, aged twenty-two—who earned their nickname because of copious weeping at their trial, went to the electric chair calmly in Sing Sing Prison to-day for the murder of a druggist's assistant.

The youths maintained an outward appearance of bravado for the benefit of their mothers, who remained at their sides until the moment came for them to begin the march to the death chamber.

Their mothers waited in an ante-chamber in readiness to take the remains home for burial.

Butler was the first to go to the chair. He chewed gum furiously. In a few moments Fernandi was brought into the chamber. He nodded calmly to the prison officials turning to the prison warden, he said, "All I have to say is, may God forgive you, for you know not what you do"—the same words used by Mrs. Ruth Snyder when she was electrocuted with Judd Gray for the murder of her husband in 1927.

As he was strapped to the chair Fernandi added: "Bless my mother and sweetheart."

The executioner, Robert Elliott, ill at ease, fumbled, whereupon Fernandi cried out, "Oh, come on and get this over with. Boys, I will try to die with a smile."

Bolger, the youngest of the trio, who was alleged to have fired the shot which killed the druggist, was the last to die. He cried out to the witnesses: "Gentlemen, I die as I have lived—with a smile."

case of the licensed trade the Order excluded all off-licence establishments, which were not catering establishments under the definition. Difficulty would arise in public-houses in which there was a saloon bar and a jug and bottle department, as it would appear that a person serving in the saloon bar was in the catering trade, but if he walked a few paces and served drink for consumption off the premises he would not be in the catering trade. Many anomalies appeared to arise under the definition.

Mr. Justice Avey—You may take a rule.  
Similar rules were granted to the Incorporated Association of Purveyors of Light Refreshments, for whom Mr. N. L. Macaskie, K.C., and Mr. G. G. Honeyman appeared; and the Strand Hotel, for whom Mr. Louis H. Gluckstein appeared. Mr. C. G. L. Du Cann held a watching brief for the Hotels and Restaurants' Association.

ACID THROWN INTO  
WOMAN'S EYES.

Blind Victim Asks That  
Case Be Dropped.

A sad case which had been postponed from June last, in order to produce a Chinese woman, who, it is alleged, is at present away in her country, and against whom a charge of throwing acid into the eyes of another Chinese woman named Ching Lui totally blinding her, was preferred, was mentioned again, in the Kuala Lumpur Police Court on January 26, before Mr. G. A. de C. de Moubray.

Mr. C. D. Colbert, Court Chief Inspector, said that he was given to understand that as long as the case had not been completed, the accused woman would remain in China, and not return to Malaya.

The woman, into whose eyes, it is alleged, the acid was thrown, who is totally blinded, said that she was a relation of the accused, and that it was a family matter.

She desired to make a statement in Court. She was then led into the witness-box.

In reply to His Worship she said that she had come to Court of her own free will to make a statement.

A Family Affair.  
She stated that it was a family affair, and wished that the case be dropped once and for all, as she too was to blame in the matter.

Accused came up with the intention of fighting her, and witness was eating hot kunji at the time, and threw it at her. Accused then threw something into her face.

His Worship warned the witness not to contradict what she had already stated in Court when the case was first called.

The witness repeated that she too was to blame for what had happened.

His Worship reminded the woman that she had told Mr. Nash, the then magistrate who heard the case, that she did not have a quarrel, but that the other woman hit her on the back with a stick and then threw some liquid into her eyes.

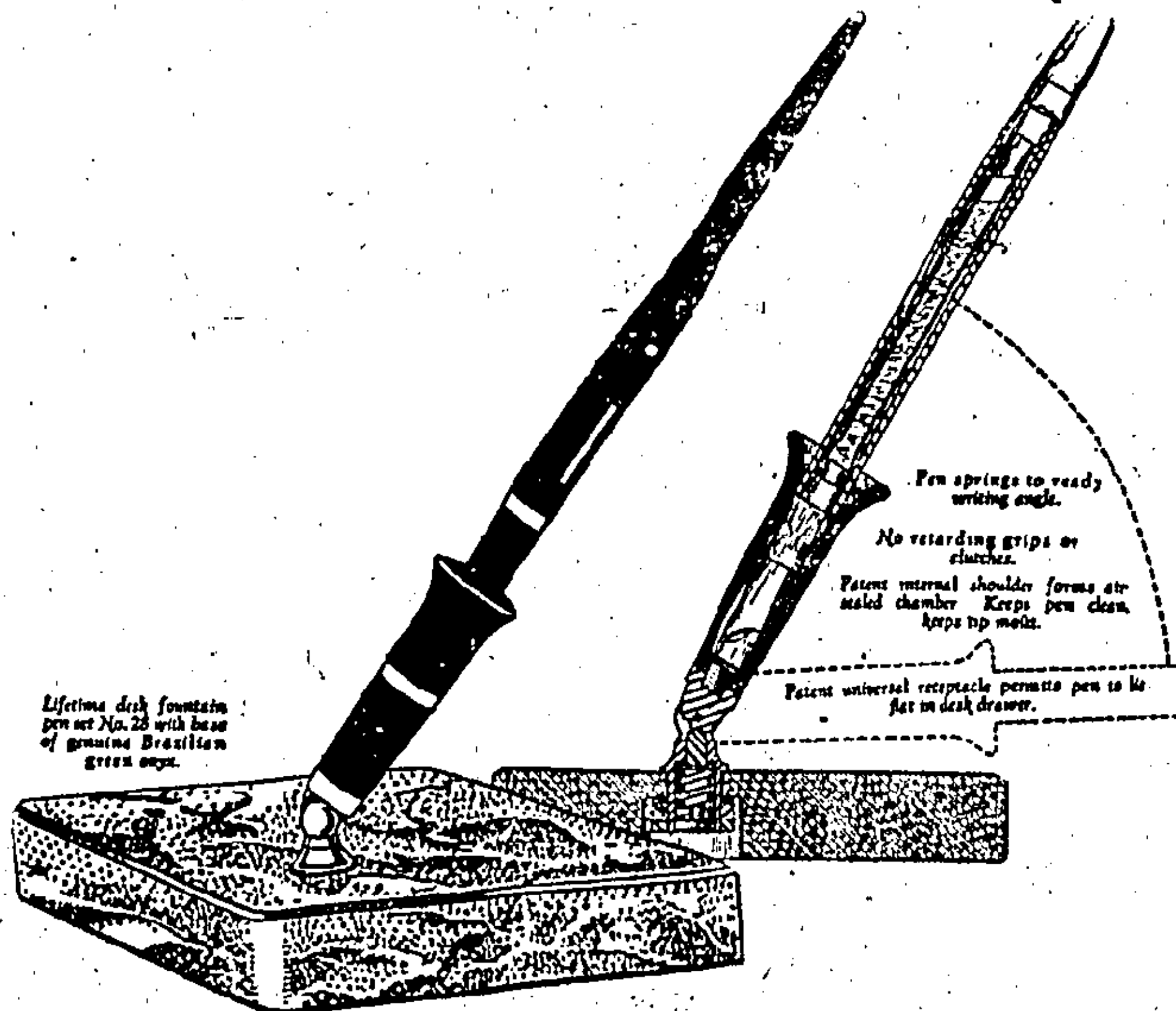
Witness said that she had omitted to state that she threw the hot kunji on the woman.

The witness then left the Court.

## STANDARD TIMES.

Sunrise and Sunset in  
Colony.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for February 1931. (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich) are as follows:—  
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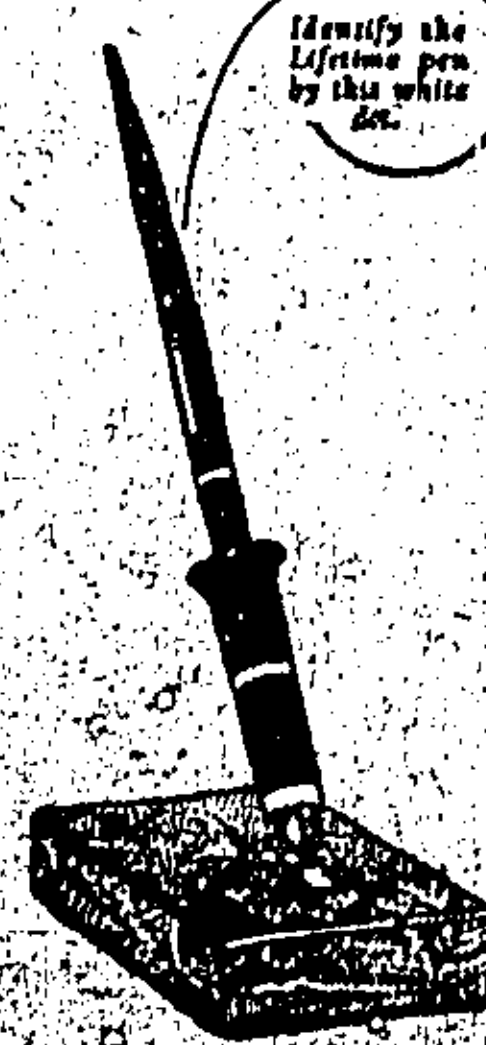


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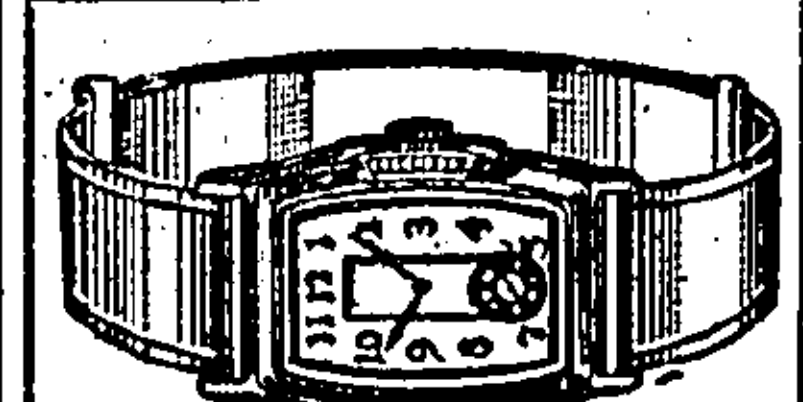
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WIRELESS ON A  
MOTOR-CYCLE.Trailer Invention of  
London Officers.

A new method of employing the mobile wireless sets at present in use by Army signal corps has been invented and brought to perfection by officers of the 47th (2nd London), Divisional Signals (Territorials).

The invention is a novel type of trailer on which the set is mounted. It will carry two passengers.

Hitherto the transmitting and receiving sets have been carried on cars, but the officers of the 47th Signals realised that if the set could be employed in conjunction with a motor-cycle mobility would be enormously increased.

So the officers set to work, and their researches evolved the new motor-cycle trailer.

## Shock Absorbers.

The trailer is a light structure fixed in swivel fashion to the rear wheel of the motor-cycle. It runs on two ordinary bicycle wheels with pneumatic tyres and is composed of light sheet metal and wood. There is a platform for the set and boxes to hold batteries and behind are two light seats, strong enough to support two men.

A special kind of canvas hood is fitted to make the trailer weather-proof.

The instruments themselves are mounted on sponge-rubber balls, which absorb the shock, reducing vibration to such a minimum that the sets may be used while the vehicle is in motion.

The wireless set itself is now used only for the transmission and reception of Morse, and it has a range of between four and five miles—an adequate distance for communication with headquarters while in the field.

## Telephony.

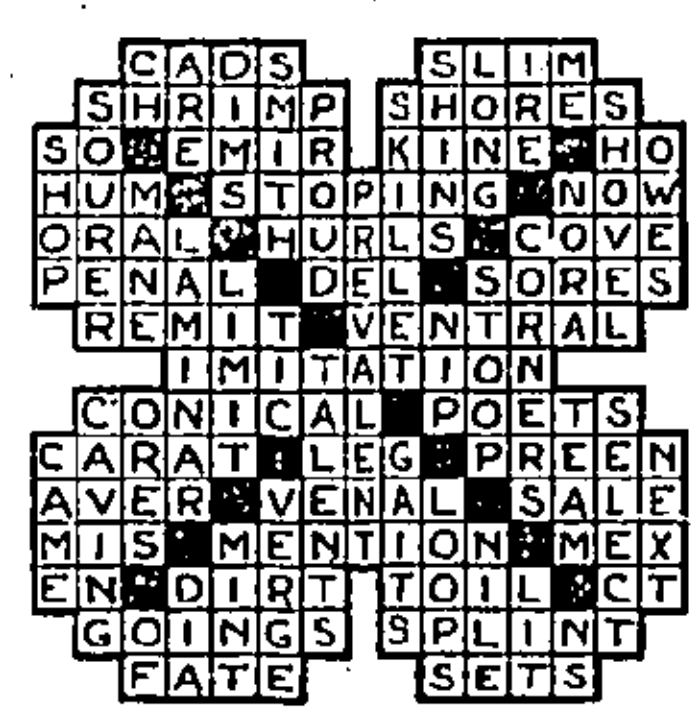
The great advantage of the new trailer over the method of carrying the set in a motor-car is that should the cycle get put out of action the trailer may be detached very simply, and is light enough for one man to push over the roughest ground.

Experiments are going on with a view to adapting the wireless sets for wireless telephony.

The results of the trials with the trailer, which were carried out recently on Chobham Common, have been reported to the War Office for consideration.

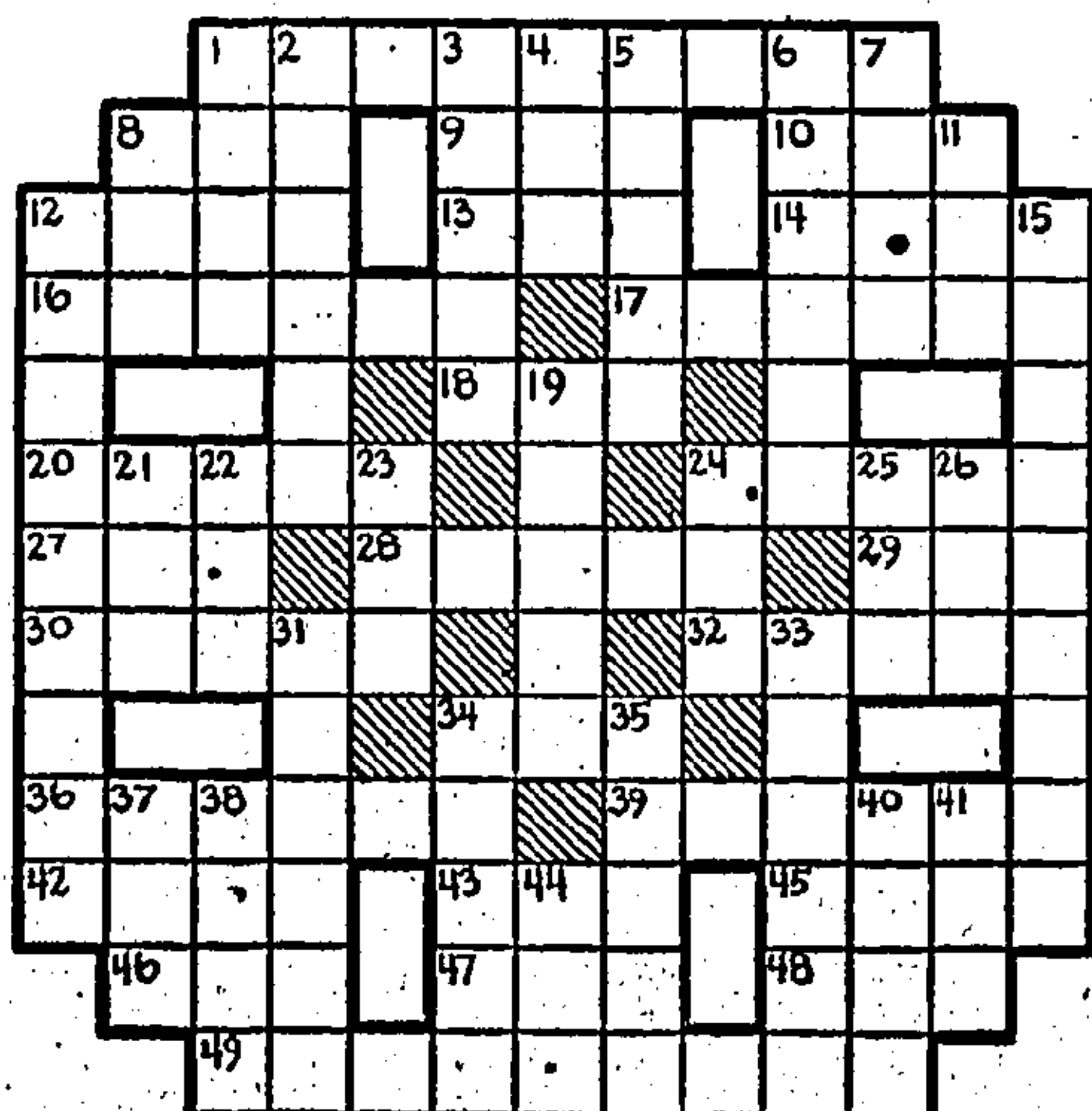
It is possible that they may find the near future be in universal use by signal units of the Army.

## MONDAY'S SOLUTION.



## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This crossword puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and alto.)



- HORIZONTAL**
- 1-Prayer, confusedly
  - 2-Mineral spring
  - 3-Hinder
  - 4-A month (abbr.)
  - 5-Hindmost
  - 6-Angel
  - 7-An old silver coin of France or England
  - 8-Raid
  - 9-In blossom
  - 10-Terminate
  - 11-A place of shelter
  - 12-A kind of insect
  - 13-Specter
  - 14-Cholera
  - 15-Science
  - 16-Appearing as if
  - 17-Grassland
  - 18-A river in France
  - 19-Saturated with liquid
  - 20-Lacking truth
  - 21-Centrality
  - 22-Depression
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
- 23-Certainty
  - 24-Combining form
  - 25-Needle
  - 26-A lady of King Arthur's court
  - 27-Born (Fr.)
  - 28-A small bay (Orkney Islands)
  - 29-Pref. Not
  - 30-A king of England (Pop. Cr.)
  - 31-Part of ship
  - 32-Song of joy
  - 33-To endure
  - 34-Deface
  - 35-Staff of life
  - 36-Bird of prey (pl.)
  - 37-Old Spanish silver coin
  - 38-A Japanese coin
  - 39-A word
- VERTICAL**
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(The solution of the above crossword puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new crossword puzzle.)

## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 353 metres:—

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

6-630 p.m.—Chinese Children's Programme.

7-11.30 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

7-8 p.m.—Variety.

Novelty Orchestra—Tessie Mio, Amina (Egyptian Serenade), The London Novelty Orchestra (139).

Songs—Ella Retford's Melody, Ella Retford, Comedienne (205).

Banjo Solo—Swanee River Melody, Len Fillis (276).

Chorus—Daisy Bell, Break the News to Mother, Gerald Adams & the Variety Singers (143).

Chorus—Ragtime Memories, The Jolly Old Fellows (113).

Piano Solo—A Cottage for Sale, On the Sunny Side of the Street, Fred Olding (188).

Humorous Duet—Sweet Carolina, Three Blind Mice, The Two Gilberts (77).

Chorus—Two Little Girls in Blue, After the Ball is Over, Gerald Adams & the Variety Singers (57).

Trio—Heela Sol Hoopii's Novelty Trio (170).

8-9 p.m.—Orchestral and Band Music.

Marche Slav, The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (50).

Melodious Memories (Finck), Regal Cinema Orchestra (9722-3).

Light Cavalry Overture (Stampe), Court Symphony Orchestra (42).

Waldteufel Memories (Finck), Herman Finck and His Orchestra (9836).

William Tell Overture (Rossini), The New Queen's Hall Orchestra (5058).

9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local Time, etc.

9-11 p.m.—Dance Programme.

Fox Trot—You're Simply Delish, Passing Time With Me, ... (2320).

One Step—Shee the Hoodoo Away, With My Guitar and You, ... (107).

Fox Trot—My Man from Caroline, Still I Love Her, ... (2323).

Waltz—Ukulele Moon, Baby's Birthday Party, ... (2319).

Waltz—Maybe It's Love, I'll Be Blue Just Thinking of You, ... (2292).

Waltz—Old Fashioned Girl, I am the Words, ... (2298).

One Step—Stein Song, Moonlight is Bigger Than Sunshine, ... (62).

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## RADIO TOPICS

Waltz—Wedding Bells Are Ringing for Sally, Fox Trot—Wasting My Love on You, ... (2324).

Waltz—Be Careful with Those Eyes, The Barnyard Song, ... (127).

Waltz—Why? Cross Your Fingers, ... (81).

Waltz—One Step—Anchor's Aweigh, Fox Trot—Around the Corner, ... (127).

Waltz—Three O'Clock in the Morning, Fox Trot—The World is Waiting for the Sunshine, ... (2246).

Waltz—My Love Parade, March of the Grenadiers, ... (65).

Waltz—Can This Be Love, Three Little Words, ... (2317).

Waltz—When It's Springtime in the Rockies, Falling in Love Again, ... (106).

Waltz—Fox Trot—I Like to do Things for You, Ragtime Romeo, ... (2170).

Waltz—Dixiana, I'm Yours, ... (2287).

Waltz—I Still Get a Thrill, Just a Little Dance Mam'selle, ... (2286).

Waltz—Moonlight on the Colorado, Somewhere in Old Wyoming, ... (2266).

11 p.m.—Close Down.

BROADCASTING IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Highlights Heard at Home During 1930.

A YEAR OF PROGRESS.

The annual review of the work of the British Broadcasting Corporation has now been issued for 1930.

Technical progress, it is stated, has been well maintained and sufficient experience has been accumulated of regional broadcasting since a full service of alternative programmes was introduced at Brookmans Park in March last to justify an optimistic view of the future of dual programme transmissions.

Work on the north regional station, which is situated on the hills above Slithwaite, near Huddersfield, has continued throughout the year, and test transmissions will be possible very shortly.

A site for the Scottish regional station has also been chosen at Westerglen, three miles south of Falkirk, in Stirlingshire, and the work of building the station is to begin immediately. The new station will be the third twin transmitting station to be built as part of the B.B.C.'s regional scheme and will, when in operation, replace the existing low-power transmitters at Glasgow, Edinburgh, and Dundee.

In general, the regional transmitters will follow a standard design, but in each case much work will be involved in providing those modifications and additions which will be found necessary to suit the varying local conditions.

Rapid progress has been made with the construction of the future headquarters of broadcasting in Portland Place, London, and the problem of the control of programme activity which will exist in the new building.

The investigations have been along the line of providing, not only for actual programmes to be heard by listeners, but also for an almost unceasing flow of rehearsals, auditions, and other details of projected broadcasts, most of which require microphones and loud speakers.

World Broadcasts.

Among the outstanding technical accomplishments of the year was the relaying of addresses by President Hoover, Mr. MacDonald, and the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr. Hamaguchi, on the occasion of the ceremony of depositing the ratification of the London Naval Treaty in October. These addresses were heard clearly by listeners in America, Great Britain and Japan.

The most important outside broadcast of 1930 was the transmission of the King's speech at the opening of the London Naval Treaty Conference in January, for which the Post Office telephone service, all B.B.C. transmitters, the Canadian beam service, and transatlantic and Continental cable and telephone services were brought into requisition, so that the speech could be heard throughout the world.

Of almost equal importance was the broadcast of the King's speech in opening the Indian Round-Table Conference in November. Not only the various parts of the British Empire participated in this relay, but also the United States of America and various Continental countries which have come to look to Great Britain to provide transmissions of transcendent importance both in the history of broadcasting and of the world.

Numerous speeches by the Prince of Wales were also relayed. Early in the year experiments in television transmissions took a step forward when the first play to be televised, "The Man with the Flower in His Mouth," was produced by the B.B.C. and the Baird Television officials.

Music and Drama.

The chief musical event of the year was the formation of the new Symphony Orchestra of 115 players, which made its debut in October under the conductorship of Mr. Adrian Boult. Since October the present series of symphony concerts at the Queen's Hall on Wednesday evenings has been given with the new Symphony Orchestra at its full strength and has been well attended by the public.

The conductors this year were Mr. Adrian Boult, Sir Henry Wood, Sir Landon Ronald, and Herr Scherchen, and the principal artists who appeared at these concerts were Suggia, Rubinstein, Busch, Schumann, Bartok, Moiseiwitsch, and Lamond, also a number of principals of the orchestra, including Mr. Arthur Catterall, the leader. The National Chorus and the Philharmonic Choir have both taken part in concerts.

Of outside symphony concerts, the year has seen the second half of last season's series at the Queen's Hall, under the conductorship of Sir Thomas Beecham, Sir Henry Wood, Sir Edward Elgar, and as guest conductors, Ansermet, Scherchen, and Casas.

There was also the remainder of the series at the People's Palace, under the direction of Sir Landon Ronald and Mr. Percy Pitt. The Promenade Concerts at the Queen's Hall, under Sir Henry Wood's popular conductorship, proved unusually attractive to the public.

Another outstanding musical event was the relay of Toscanini's concert from the Albert Hall on June 4. The series of contemporary concerts, begun in October, 1929, continued in 1930 at monthly intervals until May, and another series of Northern Promenade concerts was given by the Halle Orchestra, under the conductorship of Sir Hamilton Harty. Ten operas have been given complete in the studio, and in addition, many relays took place from the operas given at Covent Garden.

In the world of drama, a definite standard for the future has, it is felt, been set by the production of "Brigade Exchange," a German War play by Ernst Johannsen, which was produced by Mr. Howard Rose, and marked the peak of dramatic accomplishment so far.

The play was constructed round a scene in which the characters spoke to each other from places so far apart as the German front line, divisional headquarters, and base hospitals, and sound was, therefore, demanded as the medium.

"Exiles" was another specially-written microphone play, though more complex in the construction of its scenes than "Brigade Exchange." The field of radiodrama was carefully explored, particularly with the view of finding plays written specially for broadcasting.

Church Services.

The Commission on Staffing of Parishes has issued a report indicating that broadcasting may prove to be of use in churches where there is no priest available. The report states that places are known where the congregation of a parish church has, in this way, joined in the service held in some distant cathedral. It has shared in the prayers, joined in the hymns, and listened to the sermon.

The report of the committee set up at the instance of the Canterbury Lower House of Convocation to inquire into the relation between the Church and broadcasting, under the chairmanship of the Bishop of Ely, has not yet been presented, but the B.B.C. has already contributed to the committee a statement of its policy and progress.

Several important changes in the service of broadcast lessons for schools have been observed. The Central Council for School Broadcasting resolved, in the early part of 1930, to discontinue the broadcast examinations at the end of terms; the thirtieth and last prize-giving, therefore took place in June.

A large part of the work of the council was taken up with a technical inquiry into reception in schools. The full scheme has not yet been worked out in detail, but the council has secured the co-operation of outside experts of the National Physical Laboratory and the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

As an interim measure, a series of reception tests was instituted in the closing weeks of the Autumn term, and will be continued next Spring.

Although no party talks were broadcast in 1930, several series were given on political and economic subjects. During the Imperial Conference in London, talks by Mr. MacDonald and three by the Dominion Prime Ministers were broadcast.

A series of talks on "Trade with the Empire" was also given, while Sir John Simon spoke twice on "The Problem of India," following on the publication of the Simon Report. An explanatory talk on the Budget was also broadcast by Mr. Snowden.

## THE B.B.C.

## FOUR MEN IN A SINGLE ROOM.

It is difficult to think of London and the rest of the country having no B.B.C., and for many it may be hard to remember what one did in the evening when there was no wireless.

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I talked with one of these young men, Mr. Cecil Lewis, the B.B.C.'s first Chief Director of Programmes.

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"Our first studio was a room in Kingsway, and in that room everything connected with the broadcasting was done."

"Mark you, I still have the same affection towards the Corporation as I had in that little room in Kingsway. I think all of us have, whenever I see or hear of a play that would suit wireless I take it along if I have time, and do what I can to help in its production."

"But I think we are coming to a time when the B.B.C. will have to consider a commercial aspect of wireless. I think it has got to come in some form or other, so it would be just as well to be ready by the time 1936 comes along."

"In America big firms provide simple, though expensive, hours of jazz and variety broadcasting for a specified amount of publicity, and that releases money for the development of serious broadcasting."

"It will be interesting to see how the B.B.C. will tackle this inevitable development."

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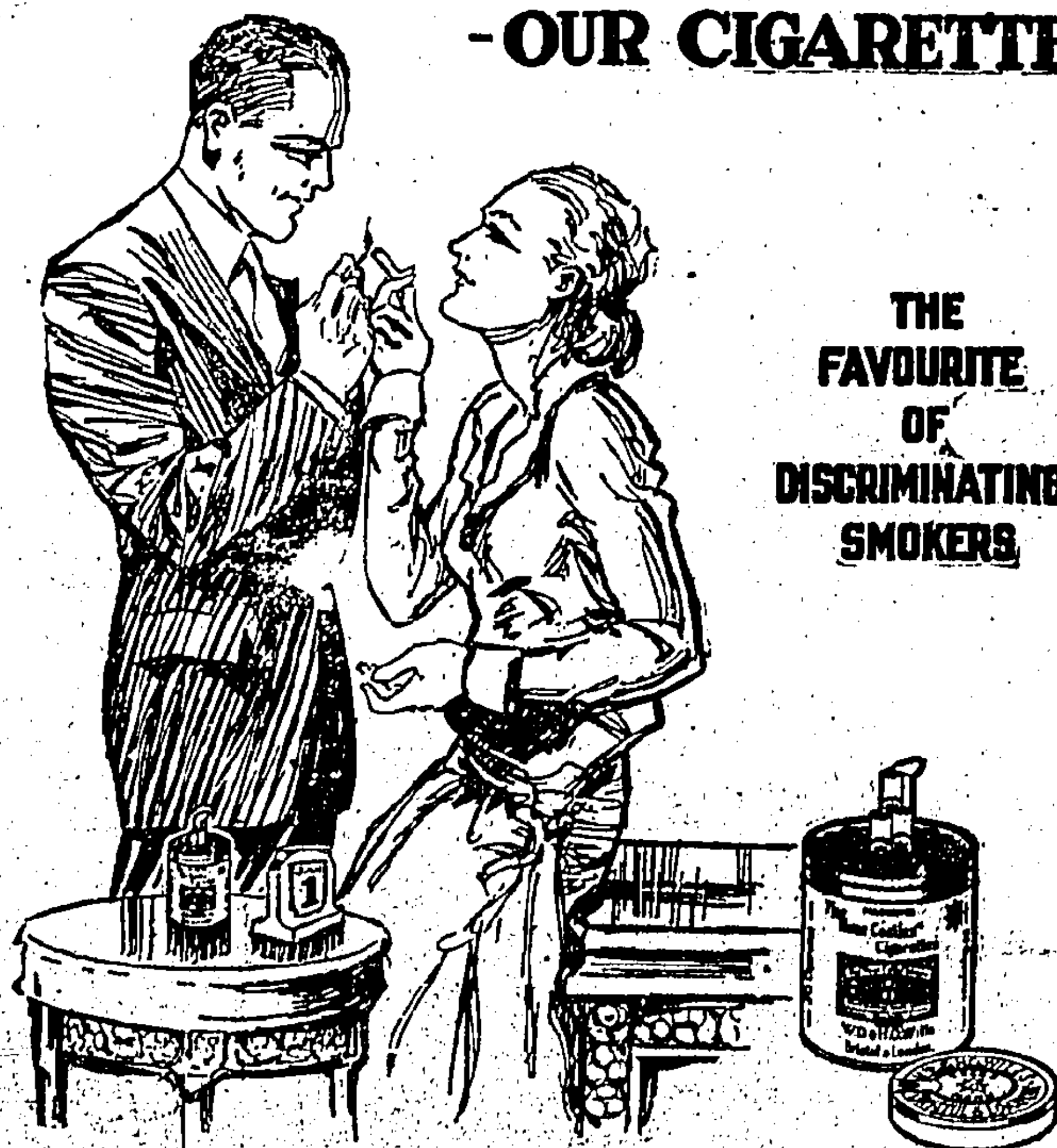
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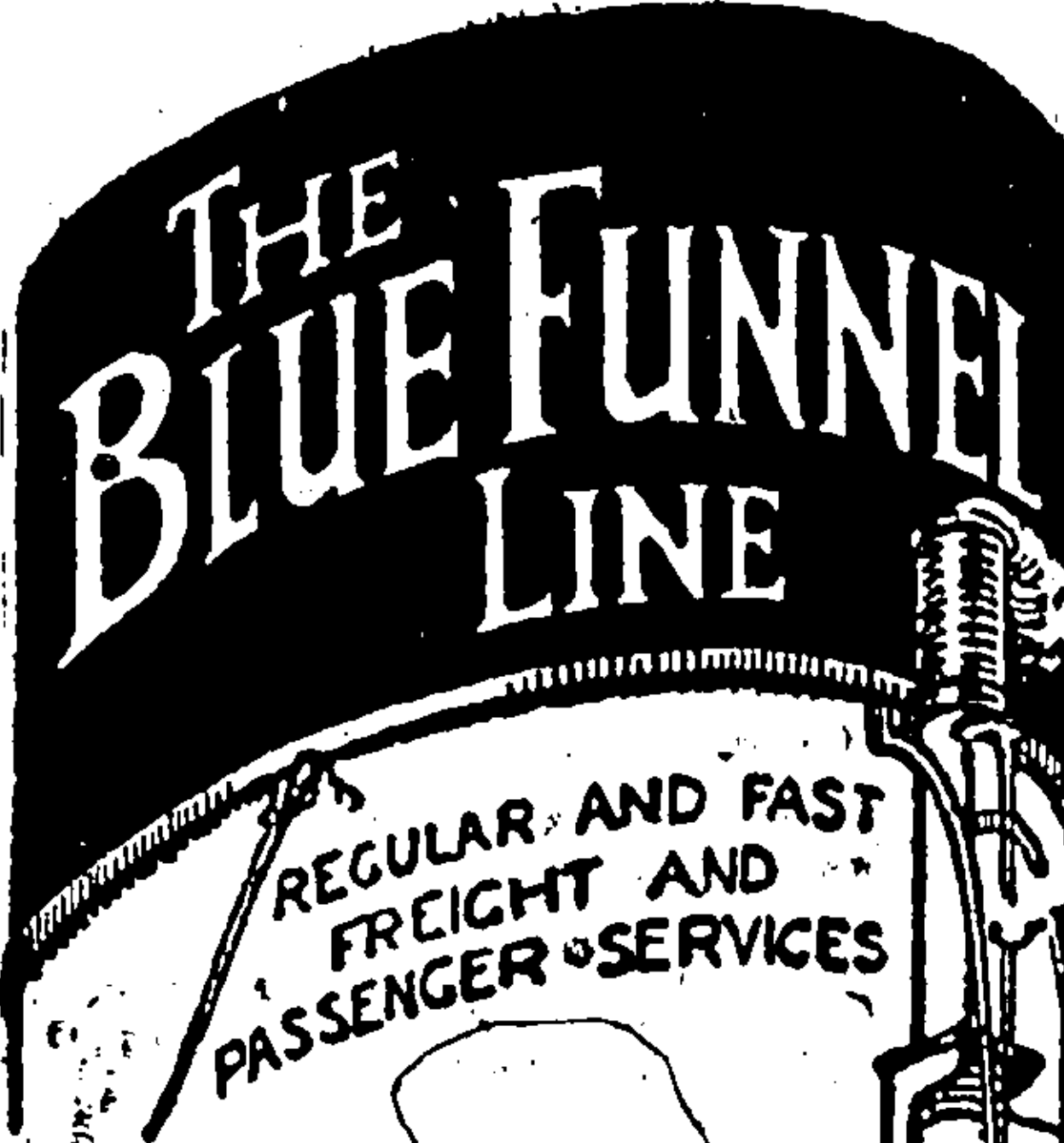
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## ASSIZES CASES.

PIRACY SUSPECTS TO BE TRIED.

MRS. XAVIER TO APPEAR.

The February Assizes open in the Supreme Court to-morrow morning.  
There are four cases on the calendar, two of which will be taken by the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) and two by the Acting Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell).  
To-morrow the Acting Chief Justice will hear the case in which 12 alleged pirates are charged with an alleged attack on a Hong Kong cargo junk off Pedro Blanco on January 4.  
There are three counts in the indictment as follows:-  
(1) that they upon the high seas piratically and feloniously attacked cargo junk No. 206 putting the master and crew in bodily fear;  
(2) that they set upon and attacked the junk, putting the master and crew in bodily fear, with intent to steal the junk; and  
(3) that they attacked the junk with intent to steal it.  
Three days have been allotted to the hearing of this case and on Tuesday the Acting Chief Justice is due to open the hearing of the case against Jesuina Maria Xavier, charged in connection with the Wanchai shooting affair. There

## POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector-General of Police, are as under:-  
Sharpshooters' Company.  
Strength:-Constable R438 A. Mirams has been taken on the strength of the Sharpshooter Company as from February 14, 1931.  
Constable R434 C. F. Pragnell has been permitted to resign having completed one year's service with effect from February 11, 1931.  
Miniature Range Practice.  
Practice on the miniature range will take place as usual on Thursday, at 5.15 p.m. for all members of the Company Rifle Club.  
(Sgd.) D. L. KING,  
D. S. P. (R)  
Hong Kong, February 16, 1931.

are three counts against her as under:-  
(1) wounding with intent to murder;  
(2) wounding with intent; and  
(3) wounding.  
Tuesday and Wednesday have been reserved for this case.  
Before the Acting Puisne Judge on Monday will appear Anastasio dos Remedios Marques, charged with robbery by two or more, and on Thursday next he will hear a case of robbery by two or more in which the accused is a Chinese named Lau Kit.

## INDUSTRIES FAIR.

BRITISH PRODUCTS WORTH £10,000,000.

EMPIRE'S MAIN STREET.

London, Monday.  
The British Industries Fair, the largest national trade exhibition in the world, opens to-day in London and Birmingham. It is estimated that £10,000,000 worth of British products are being displayed.  
Over 2,300 manufacturers are participating and buyers from eighty countries will attend.  
The stalls at the London Fair at Olympia cover 300,000 square feet with a frontage of eight miles. Canada and India will have separate exhibits, while Newfoundland and Ceylon will be new comers in the Empire Marketing Board's section, the "Empire's Main Street."  
Simultaneously the cotton trade exhibition will open in the White City, which will be decorated with over a million yards of cotton fabric, and an artificial silk exhibition will be opened at Albert Hall.  
Illustrating how widely representative the fair will be it may be mentioned that the products represented include such novelties as the first British invention showing "Talkies" in the home, clocks as big as men, penny-in-the-slot machines delivering lighted cigarettes, and a woman's handbag containing a telescope umbrella.—Reuter.

## AMUSEMENTS

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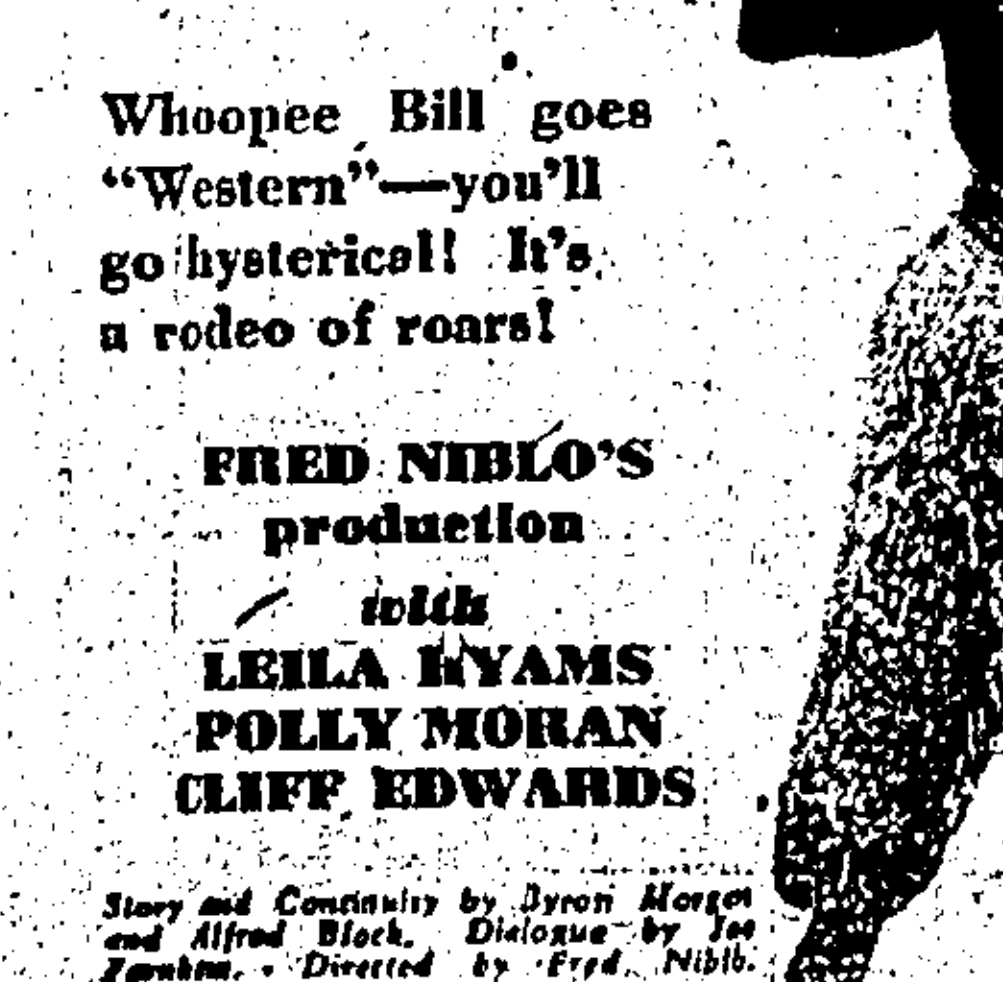
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